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More than a week after Huricane Katrina hit, the country continues to search for answers as the Gulf region begins to deal with the aftermath of this devastating disaster. The Hamilton community has been stirred to action, raising thousands of dollars for the relief effort in just a few short days, opening its doors to displaced students, and supporting an alumnus helping victims in New Orleans. For more on the Hurricane and Hamiton's response, turn to page 6.

Trustee election challenged

by Ian Mandel '06
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Special rules drawn up for Hamilton's first contested Alumni Trustee election in over 30 years stirred controversy this summer among Hamilton alumni and drew criticism from the American Council of Trustees and Alumni (ACTA) and the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE). Yet, College President Joan Hinde Stewart and Alumni Association President Melissa Joyce-Rosen '86 remain adamant that the election was fair and equitable.

The election was held after Hamilton College Alumni for Governance Reform (HCAGR), a group of frustrated alumni formed in response to recent controversy on the Hill, endorsed three petition candidates, Brendan McCormick '93, Ben S. Wu '73 and James W. Coupe '71, to challenge the slate of three candidates supported by the College and the Hamilton Alumni Association.

College officials drew up rules for the election and hired Elections USA, an independent firm, to manage and certify the election. The rules, adopted on June 17 by the Executive Committee of the Alumni Council included provisions that candidates and their supporters would not be provided with alumni e-mail addresses, would not be able to use College or Alumni Association listservs, and stated that campaigning by mail at the candidate's expense could only be conducted through a College-authorized handler.

Additionally, all alumni received a 100-word statement of candidacy from each candidate. The rules prohibited candidates from providing any contact information or any references to specific hard copy or online resource material.

HCAGR, co-founded by J. Hunter Brown '76, Peter D. Brown '73, Brendan McCormick '93 and Penny Watras Dana K'78, objected to the rules, asserting that they were intended to prevent its candidates from effectively conveying their messages.

"Presumably, to have an election you need an informed electorate, and presumably, Hamilton supports the exchange of free and important ideas. But, when it comes to statements of candidacy, the candidates were prohibited from providing contact information and prohibited from making reference to any hard copy material or any online resource material, such as a website or our February 17 position paper," Brown said. "So if any alumni wanted to actively contact any of the candidates and ask what their thoughts were on this, they couldn't because no contact information was allowed in the 100-word statement."

Stewart disagreed: "We had seven candidates, and we were looking for a reasonable length," Stewart explained. "That was worked out by us with advice from consultants and attorneys."

"We wanted the election to be equitable for all seven candidates, and we worked very hard

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Future of late night Jitney unclear

ISC volunteers will provide ride-alongs, temporary fix

by Katie Childs '08
NEWS EDITOR

PHOTO BY BOBBY COLE '06

Late night Jitney service is scheduled to resume this weekend with the assistance of ride-along volunteers.

The Inter Society Council (ISC) secured ride-along volunteers for the next two weeks, but a shortage of drivers is postponing the return of the late night Jitney service.

The ISC and SA have been working with the Jitney coordinators to find a long-term solution for late night jitney service. The ISC has secured volunteers for the next two weeks to serve as "ride along" passengers. These volunteers are responsible for collecting identification from all of the passengers and managing crowds. "Hopefully, those who use the Jitney late at night will respect these efforts and not abuse the service," said Chris Gardner '06, the Jitney Coordinator. Despite these efforts, the Jitney cannot return to its full schedule because there are not enough Jitney drivers.

Obtaining ride-along passangers was a crucial step in teh return of the Jitney. Last spring, the Jitney service to downtown Clinton was cancelled indefinitely as late-night drivers went on strike, citing the poor behavior of passengers and safety concerns.

"The service was cancelled because of the respect towards driver—they were being completely disrespected," said Ben Johnston '07, the Vice President of the Student Assembly (SA).

The ISC and the SA reached a compromise with the Jitney coordinators and recruited volunteers to serve as "ride-along" passengers.

The system was effective and "the students who served as ride-alongs last spring did fine," according to Gardner. Under the ride-along system a Jitney van was not supposed to leave ELS without a ride-along. "Chris will run the Jitney as long as there's a ride-along," said Lisa Magnarelli '96, Director of Student Activities. Four weeks into the program, a ride-along did not show up and Jitney driver continued service.

"One night when there wasn't a ride-along, KPD [Kirkland Police Department] was called and that's when [the service] truly ended," said Ben Johnston '07, SA Vice President. "That fact wasn't made public."

Gardner and former Jitney co-coordinator Ashley Hatfield '05 notified Johnston via e-mail that because of the incident there would be no more late night service for the spring semester.

The ISC and SA has been working on several solutions including making the ride-along position a paying job, instead of a volunteer service. "That has been an option and it might help the sustainability of the program," said Johnston.

Gardner echoed Johnston's sentiments that a paid position could be in the future, but it is not necessarily the most appro

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President makes late night rounds

by Katie Childs '08
NEWS EDITOR

The presence of two administrators after hours on the Hill surprised many students last weekend, as Associate Dean of Students Phillip Klinkner and President Joan Hinde Stewart spent a night observing the college culture.

> "I think it would be a better campus climate if faculty and administrators were more involved. If faculty members are out and about talking to students, that's not a bad thing."
>
> *— Phillip Klinkner, Associate Dean of Students*

Klinkner joined Campus Safety and Resident Advisers to patrol the campus on Saturday night. "For the most part it was pretty quiet and I had a good time talking to students," said Klinkner. "It's something that I'll keep doing."

Klinkner encourages his colleagues to do the same and become more familiar with the campus culture.

"There's a lot of ignorance about the campus," said Klinkner. "What is it that our students are doing when we're not around? I think it's important for people in the administration and among the faculty to be a bigger presence on campus, not just in the classrooms or from 9-4 in the day. I think we need to make ourselves more visible and have a bigger role in all aspects of our students' lives."

Stewart also spent a night getting a feel for the Hamilton nightlife.

"I was not patrolling," said Stewart. "I was walking around to get a sense of what happens on campus - talking to people, saying hello. It was great – I enjoyed meeting students."

Stewart added that although she won't become a regular late night fixture, she would like to continue to make her presence known and survey the campus climate.

"It's good to have a sense of what is happening on the weekends late at night," said Stewart.

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Lecture draws criticism, crowd

by Alex Morgan '09
NEWS WRITER

Hamilton College recently invited Les Roberts, a lecturer in the Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering at Johns Hopkins University to discuss a report he wrote on the death toll in Iraq and the resulting media spin generated from its publication.

In his talk, "100,000 Civilian Deaths in Iraq: A Story of Media Spin," Roberts focused on how he gathered information for the report he published along with researchers from Johns Hopkins University and Al Mustansiriya University in Baghdad. He explained the inaccuracy created by media spin on the report and the general misinformation the press continually provides to the public.

Roberts and the team of researchers surveyed 30 randomly picked households in each of 33 areas in Iraq and found that ap

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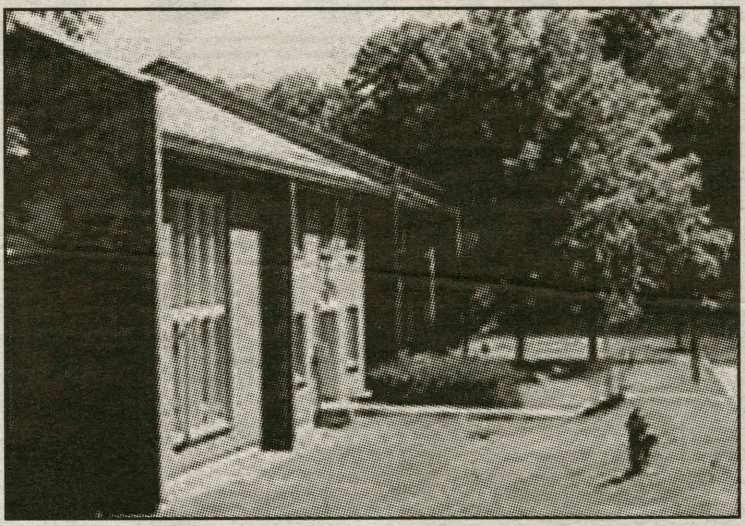
New policy houses coaches in dorms

by Jenny Brown '07
NEWS WRITER



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ResLife staff and coaches are living in three dorms: Bundy, Carnegie, and Milbank.

Many students are unknowingly living with Hamilton staff members as a result of a new system Residential Life organized last semester. Beginning this year, six Hamilton staff personnel live in the residence halls free of charge. The live in staff includes three assistant coaches and three assistant directors of ResLife.

ResLife placed staff in the residence halls in an effort to bring more of an adult presence to the campus, especially for nights and on weekends, Jeffery Landry, Director of Residential Life, said.

The staff lives in multiple buildings including Bundy, Carnagie, Skendoah House and Babbitt.

"Having the staff in the residence halls is a good resource for the students," Landry said, because "students may have a different relationship with their coaches then with other faculty members."

Chad Laliberte, Assistant Director Residential Life, said he lives in the residence halls to "provide students with an education that they can not get in the classroom."

"By living with students I am able to identify negative or questionable behaviors and address them by educating students as to why they are negative or questionable," Laliberte added. "I think living in the residence halls allows me to teach students about community responsibility by addressing behavior as well as modeling positive, responsible behavior."

Laliberte said he tries to help students overcome issues like roommate conflicts, self-injurious behavior or psychological problems, but he said he also make referrals to other professionals on campus who may be better trained than him at providing the necessary help.

Like students, the live in staff may even attend regular floor meetings, Landry said. "It would be good for the students to know who the staff members living in their residence halls are, because they can offer them another layer of resources," he added.

The live in staff can also report back to ResLife if there is a student crisis, Landry said. ResLife will also probably invite the live in staff to a meeting to discuss how the new system is working; however, Landry said he has not heard about any problems or other feedback thus far.

"The best aspect of faculty living in residence halls," Laliberte said, "would be the possibilities that would open up for learning communities to develop. Without getting too into depth into learning communities, research basically says that they increase academic success and reduce negative or disruptive behaviors."

"I like living in the residence halls, its like being in college" assistant Men's Basketball coach Matthew Capell said. He added that he has not come across any problems yet.

Depending on the feedback from this year, ResLife will consider continuing to allow staff to live in the residence halls in the future. Landry said he is unsure whether or not the operation can expand because ResLife must balance out the amount of live in staff member with the amount of available bed space.

Aside from Laliberte, the other two Assistant Directors of Residential Life living in the residence halls include Travis Hill and Gemma Cowling. Jill Wyrick, assistant swim coach and Colin Sheehan, assistant crew coach, are the other live in staff coaches.

"Living in the residence halls is a good transition for new coaches," Landry concluded.

Fair helps potential student volunteers

by Julia Bloch '09
NEWS WRITER

Site coordinators for 27 service projects gathered Wednesday to promote their programs and recruit Hamilton students. The event, sponsored by Hamilton Action Volunteer Outreach Coalition (HAVOC), drew over 200 potential volunteers.

Tables ran around the periphery of the Filius Events Barn, in front of colored posters coded to group projectsby four themes: blue for Hunger, Homelessness and Other, green for Special Needs, Elderly and Health, yellow for Youth and red for Teens and Adults.

Attendees spoke with representatives from these projects, ranging from working in a Soup Kitchen to Equine Therapy, and had a chance to leave their contact information.

Upon entering students filled out volunteer cards including their e-mail, phone number, preference for types of work, and whether they'd like to work one-time-only projects. This 'volunteer database,' the first of its kind since HAVOC began in 1988, will make it easier to contact those students who want to volunteer in the community.

Katie Childs '08, volunteer coordinator and organizer of the HAVOC fair, decided to create this database. HAVOC's director John Pappano '06 praised this initiative, citing it as a great way to "mobilize quickly" for one day events.

"The problem with HAVOC is having so many people that are motivated," said Pappano, speaking of the some 300 students he estimates volunteered last semester. "We have people who are absolute workhorses."

Site coordinators present at Wednesday's Fair seemed to agree with Pappano's sentimen about volunteers.

Hamilton has a "base of people really into volunteering," said Melanie Leeds '08, She noted that volunteers do not make up a campus majority, but they "really want to do what they're doing."

This year Leeds, a sophomore, will head up the Food Salvage Program, a project designed to save the food that gets wasted in the dining hall on campus by packaging it after dinner and freezing it. It is later picked up and distributed at shelters in Utica.

The program historically ran out of Commons, but Leeds said she would like to expand to McEwen as soon as the build

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Assembly rejects Cheung's nomination for '08 President

by Ian Mandel '06
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Members of the Class of 2008 will soon be asked to elect a new class president after Josh Cheung '08, elected last April to serve a one year term starting this semester, took a leave of absence. Cheung is not enrolled at Hamilton this fall.

In accordance with Article 7, Section 4 of the Student Assembly (SA) Bylaws, Cheung nominated Class of 2008 Representative Helen Lok '08 to take his place. Other members of the class delegation objected to Cheung's recommendation and spoke out against confirming Lok at Monday's SA meeting.

Class of 2008 Secretary/Treasurer Katie Childs '08 was the first to raise concerns, stating, "I would like to oppose this nomination." She went on to state that because Cheung had never been formally associated with the class delegation, had never called a meeting and had never attended any class activities, he should not have the opportunity to make a recommendation.

"We think this is a situation that is different than a student going abroad," Childs said in reference to the Article 4, which was crafted last year to deal with a class president going abroad. Class of 2008 Representative Brian Greenleaf '08 spoke in defense of Cheung's ability to make a recommendation. "He was definitely in his right mind to make the nomination," he said of Cheung.

Two other 2008 representatives, Blythe Winchester '08 and Katie Plummer '08, also spoke out against the nomination.

Because much of the discussion focused around Cheung's right to nominate Lok, rather than Lok's qualification for the position, SA Parliamentarian Lorraine Sperling '08 clarified the point of the discussion. "Whether or not you agree with the nomination is what we're voting on," she stated.

When members of the 2008 delegation attempted to shift discussion back to Cheung's ability to recommend Lok, SA President Michael Blasie '07 intervened, cutting off debate, and at one point calling Winchester "out of order."

Subsequently, another member asked Lok if she wanted the position. "I have accepted the nomination and am flattered that Josh had the faith in me," she said. When asked if she had plans for the semester, she responded, "We [the class of 2008 delegation] had a meeting last week, and we discussed the events planned for the semester."

SA then voted down Cheung's recommendation of Lok, 5-7, leaving the 2008 delegation to determine how the vacancy would be filled. Among those voting in favor of Lok was SA Vice President Ben Johnston '07, who members say, ordinarily abstains, along with Blasie, during votes.

"I have nothing to say except that I'm disappointed by the Central Council's decision, but I absolutely respect it," Lok told *The Spectator*.

Childs, Winchester, Plummer, Greenleaf, Lok, and Representative Ryan Morris '08 met on Tuesday night and unanimously agreed to hold an election open to all members of the class.

"I hope this is soon resolved through our class's decision to hold a class election for the presidency vacancy," Lok added.

In a statement released to *The Spectator*, Blasie, Sperling and Johnston addressed delegation members' objections.

"When the class of '08 delegation was briefed in advance as to the procedural course of action that was going to be taken, namely that the outgoing President, not the class delegation, had first priority on making a nomination, that complaint was not articulated. It was only after the nomination was received that questions regarding Josh's credibility to make a nomination arose," they wrote.

SA will decide this coming Monday when the election will be held.

"Make Utica happy day"

150+ students volunteer for Make a Difference Day

by Meredith Kennedy '09
NEWS WRITER

PHOTO BY KATIE CHILDS '08

Many students volunteered in groups with their roommates, friends, society, sports team, or Adirondack Adventure group.

The sound of an alarm isn't what most college students want to hear before at least noon on a Saturday. Clocks were sounding across campus for the more than 150 students who participated in HAVOC's "Make a Difference Day" on September 3rd. For those who were brave enough to arise that early on a weekend (or couldn't back out of a pact they had made with their Adirondack Adventure group to participate), they were bused to various locations throughout Utica to perform community service for the benefit of those who are less privileged.

For many of the volunteers, news of Hurricane Katrina made the experience of lending a hand and offering encouragement that much more poignant. In fact, there was even a group of Hamilton students who claimed a spot outside of the local Wal-Mart all day collecting donations for the hurricane victims. Although the projects done on Saturday, which ranged from painting fences to cooking and cleaning, won't be a direct help to the embattled South, they will make a difference in some North Country lives, if not also the lives of those who participated.

"You're not going to conquer social injustice in one day," said HAVOC director John Pappano '06, "but it will influence you to make more positive lifestyle decisions in the future as a result of the experience."

As Pappano observed, the day could be rechristened "Make Utica Happy Day," because in essence the volunteers are essentially out to improve the lives of those who reside in Utica.

You know you're doing something right when you don't even make it all the way to the door and the director of the Emmaus House is already coming out to eagerly greet the volunteers with a smile from ear to ear. Since college kids can be notorious for being lazy, seeing them active on a Saturday morning is meaningful in itself.

The cleaning, fund-raising, painting, and cooperation that occurred on Saturday may only have short-term effects, but the unique experiences changed the lives of the volunteers whether they realized it or not. Jerome Noel '09 said that his Adirondack Adventure leader influenced the Fulton Chain canoe group to take part in the day, not only to make a difference, but to keep in touch with their AA family as well. The paint he was aggressively peeling off of his hands on the bus ride back made it obvious that he had worked hard to show that he cared on Saturday.

At the end of the day, everyone had something to share about his or her experience. No matter how their contributions measured up on the grand scale of humanitarian efforts now in the news, the hundreds of students who participated came back to the hill with a feeling of satisfaction, and perhaps a renewed drive to continue to make a difference *every* day.

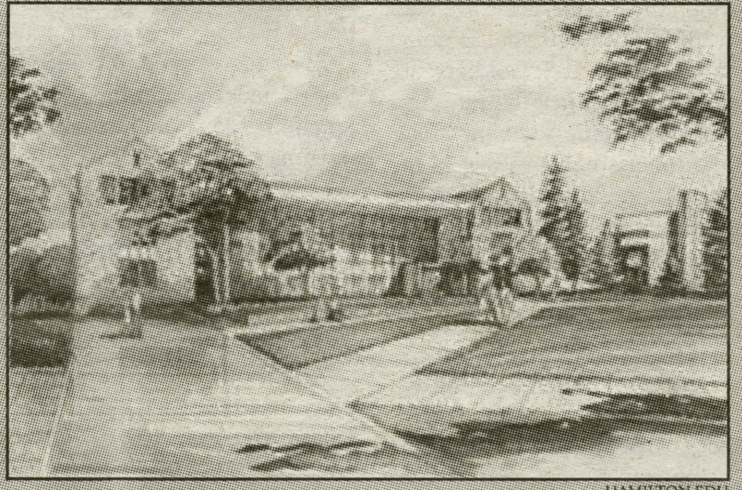
PHOTO BY KATIE CHILDS '08

Volunteers traveled to a dozen sites, including a nursing home, a preschool, a soup kitchen and shelters.

Science Center delayed further

The opening of the new $56 million Science Center has been delayed for an additional week. The certificate of occupancy will not be required until late on Wednesday afternoon, September 14. If the inspection passes then the building will be open on Thursday, September 15. Faculty will be able to move in during the following weekend.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the new facility will take place during Fallcoming on September 30.



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NATIONAL NEWS

California Votes to License Illegal Immigrants

SACRAMENTO, Calif. -- California lawmakers voted Thursday to offer illegal immigrants special driver's licenses, a measure Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is expected to veto.

Supporters said the licenses would make the roads safer because illegal immigrants, many of whom already are driving, would be required to pass driving tests to get them.

But Republican Sen. Tom McClintock argued the measure "sends a powerful message that it is the official policy of this state not to recognize or respect this nation's immigration laws."

Schwarzenegger rejected a similar bill last year. Thursday night, the governor's legislative liaison, Richard Costigan, said Schwarzenegger would veto this legislation as well.

WORLD NEWS

Team Finds Stem Cells in Heart Tissue

TOKYO -- Japanese researchers have discovered stem cells in human heart tissue, a development that could lead to improved treatments for heart disease and reduce the need for transplants, a Japanese newspaper reported Friday.

The breakthrough came by a team of scientists at Kyoto University led by Hiroaki Matsubara, who will present the findings at the annual meeting of the Japanese College of Cardiology in Osaka on Sept. 19, the Yomiuri newspaper said.

The researchers gathered heart tissue from 50 patients suffering heart disease and were able to culture stem cells from the samples that developed into different types of cells, including heart muscle cells, blood cells and neurons, the report said. Injections of the cells into a mouse that had suffered an embolism helped the animal regenerate damaged heart muscle and blood vessels.

Similar tests are planned on dogs and pigs before conducting clinical tests on humans as early as next spring, the Yomiuri said.

Australia Plans More Counterterror Laws

CANBERRA, Australia -- Australian Prime Minister John Howard announced plans Thursday to beef up counterterror laws, including letting police electronically track terror suspects for up to a year and hold them up to 14 days without charges.

There has never been a major terror attack on Australian soil, but Howard's close links to President Bush and strong support for the invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan raise fears that Australia could become a terror target.

"We are unfortunately living in an era and a time when unusual but necessary measures are needed to cope with an unusual and threatening situation," Howard said in a televised news conference in Canberra.

Howard said the legislation would let police to attach tracking devices to terror suspects for up to a year even without criminal charges filed and hold people up to 14 days without charge if suspected of being involved in planning or carrying out a terror act.

The new laws would also let authorities withhold Australian citizenship from immigrants considered a security risk, and lengthen the time new migrants have to wait for citizenship from two years to three, Howard said.

Civil libertarians said the government had failed to demonstrate the need to further toughen counterterrorism laws that already have been strengthened since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in the United States.

They were especially concerned about a proposal that Howard said would allow federal police to attach tracking devices to terror suspects.

Howard's government controls both houses of the federal Parlia-

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BY TAYLOR AUSTIN '06

Over 200 students attended the HAVOC Fair.

Students learn about volunteer opportunities

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ing gets an adequate freezer for saving the packaged meals.

Not too far from Leeds sat Sarah Wissel, who participated in five of HAVOC's programs last semester. Still, she noticed a gap in HAVOC's outreach, and so this year the flautist for the Hamilton College Orchestra will start a Music Tutoring program in Utica.

Wissel hopes to establish her project this year with one-on-one music lessons for beginner students in Utica, as well as offering these young musicians different ways to experience music (e.g. stylistically, through jazz or classical music).

The two dozen of HAVOC's programs that have not been even alluded to in this article vary, from building housing for the homeless, to raising AIDS awareness, to working at a nursing home, to spending an 'alternative spring break' doing service work. For those who missed the HAVOC fair on Wednesday, get involved by e-mailing havoc@hamilton.edu. They've got a project for you.

ACTA, FIRE criticize election rules

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that," she added. "The rules were absolutely fair. The candidates were treated the same way - all seven of them."

Joyce-Rosen echoed Stewart's faith in the fairness of the election.

"The Alumni Council is confident that the procedure developed, which applied equally to all candidates, governed an open and legitimate process," she said.

ACTA, a non-profit organization committed to academic freedom, excellence and accountability in America's colleges and universities, disagreed with Stewart's characterization, condemning the College for limiting candidates' ability to speak.

"The college's effort to exclude alumni from important decisions - by limiting the free flow of information from petition candidates to the alumni community - breaks Hamilton's covenant with alumni and deprives the college of the independent judgments and broader perspectives that well-informed alumni have to offer," ACTA President Anne Neal said in a statement.

Hamilton College Executive Director of Communications Mike Debraggio disagreed, stating that Hamilton worked hard to ensure all alumni had access to information.

"Candidates were dissuaded, not prohibited, from using blast e-mails and other forms of mass e-mail...The services of a professional mail house, which was provided with the College's full alumni mailing list, was also made available to all candidates," he said. "People had access to the message boards on the alumni website, so there was always opportunity to engage in open discussion."

FIRE, an organization committed to defending individual rights at America's colleges and universities, took a position similar to ACTA's. FIRE President David French strongly criticized Hamilton's handling of the election

"Unfortunately (but, given Hamilton's history, unsurprisingly), the dissident candidates face severe free speech restrictions on their campaigns...How can a candidate run an effective campaign offering a comprehensive critique of the status quo in 100 words? How can they get their message out to the voting alumni without references to additional materials or e-mails? More importantly, how are such draconian free speech restrictions at all consistent with representative democracy and academic freedom?" French wrote in July.

When asked to comment on the ACTA and FIRE statements, Stewart, Debraggio and Joyce-Rosen all instead chose to reiterate their belief that the elections were fair and that all seven candidates were treated equally. Joyce-Rosen pointed to the recent achievements of the College.

"Over the past several months, Hamilton set a record for unrestricted giving from alumni, enrolled its strongest and most diverse class on record, and placed 15th in the U.S. News ranking of colleges - its highest ranking ever, which included an improvement in Hamilton's reputation score," she said.

The election went ahead with Hamilton's rules in place, and all three Hamilton-endorsed candidates won handily. Susan C. Bacot '88, Deborah Forte K'75 and Gregory T. Hoogkamp '82 all received over 2,000 votes, while Coupe, Wu and McCormick all received slightly more than 1000 votes each. A fourth petition candidate, Gregory T. Doyle '82, was not affiliated with HCAGR, and received 665 votes. A total of 3,731, or 21.4 percent, of alumni ballots were cast by the August 15 deadline.

HCAGR formed earlier in 2005 in the wake of the Ward Churchill controversy. It issued a four-page position paper in February laying out its concerns and recommendations for governance at the College. According to Brown and the February position paper, group members became fed up by a string of controversial events on the Hill, including the 2001 revelation that Professor Brigitte Boisselier was a Raelian and a proponent of human cloning; the plagiarism problems of former President Eugene Tobin and the subsequent severance package offered by the College; the Kirkland Project's (KP) 2004 hiring of convicted terrorist Susan Rosenberg to teach a class; the KP's decision to bring Ward Churchill to campus; and finally, the discovery that the KP had not been formally reviewed during its eight-year existence.

Speaker claims 100,000 civilian casualities in Iraq

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proximately 100,000 civilians had died there since the beginning of the current Iraq War in March 2003. Of violence-related deaths, 84% of victims had been killed by coalition forces according to their families, mostly from air strikes.

The report indicates a sharp increase in the number of violent deaths. Before, heart attacks, strokes and other ailments had caused most of the deaths. There were 46 deaths in the approximately 1,000 surveyed households before the war and 142 deaths in the same approximately 1,000 surveyed households after the war began.

When visiting households, researchers collected data on family composition on January 1, 2002 and any changes that had occurred from that point to the time of the interview in September 2004.

To make sure that households interviewed were not fabricating family members' deaths the team of researchers asked for death certificates at the end of the interviews. Each interview team was made up of a team leader and at least one male and one female researcher. Iraqi women are generally not allowed to speak to men outside their families.

The report made the front page of *Le Monde* and several other major newspapers worldwide. Roberts's report was published in *The Lancet* four days before the 2004 presidential election. Fred Kaplan from *The Slate* online magazine and Anthony Cordesman from the *Casi* website criticized the statistics.

"(They) emphasized the range of only part of the data," said Roberts. In the first 32 of the 33 study areas, the research team estimated a range of 8,000-194,000 deaths had occurred, and almost twice as many from the cluster in Falluja.

The media is responsible for reporting the news; news that Roberts feels often does not present the whole story: "What bothers me is that you and I rely largely on the media to get our information."

Falluja was a statistical outlier in the data; 2/3 of all excess deaths occurred in the city, but members of the media reported the 8,000-194,000 death range as the conclusion of Roberts and his team for the whole of Iraq and discarded Falluja.

"People believe what they read in the press," said Roberts. "The press needs feedback when they don't report and when they repeat inconsistencies."

Roberts went on to state that in the worst years of political violence in Guatemala, newspapers only reported five percent of political violence and that such gross underestimates by the press are typical in times of conflict. He is concerned with the level at which most Americans are kept in the dark about what is going on overseas. U.S. soldiers are dying at six times the rate than they were in the Vietnam War.

Roberts believes that in the United States there is a reluctance to criticize the efforts of the soldiers in Iraq and that as a result the country cannot not have a true discussion of the war.

He argued that Al Jazeera exaggerates the numbers and that the American press understates them. "The world is being driven further and further apart by our press," said Roberts.

Chief Justice dies

Bush nominates Roberts for position

by Eric Kuhn '09
NEWS WRITER

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court William Rehnquist died last Sunday night at 11:00 p.m., in his Virginia home. Rehnquist was 80 years old.

Rehnquist was diagnosed with thyroid cancer earlier this year and was undergoing chemotherapy and radiation for treatment. With his three children at the bedside, Rehnquist passed away leaving a legacy to be debated for years to come.

The beginning

Reinquist was born in 1924 in Wisconsin. After graduating first in his class at Stanford Law (1924), he worked for Justice Robert Jackson and then began practicing law on his own in Arizona.

He was called back to Washington when Richard Nixon hired him as the Assistant Attorney General in the department of Justice. He was in charge of the Office of Legal Council.

Rehnquist was chosen to move across town in 1972, when Nixon appointed him to the Supreme Court. At that time, he was called the "Lone Ranger" because of his conservative views, but soon was able to preside over a court that leaned slightly (5-4) in his favor.

"In some ways he became less controversial as the court became much more conservative," said Philip A. Klinkner, Associate Dean of Students for Academic Affairs and James S. Sherman Associate Professor of Government.

Will history be kind?

William Rehnquist served for 33 years on the Court and was named Chief Justice, in replacement of Warren Burger, in 1986, by Ronald Reagan. When it came time to approve him as the head of the court, he had the more votes against him than any other chief justice. Many people cited that he once wrote a draft opinion upholding Plessey v. Ferguson (while some argue that was just for Justice Jackson and not really his opinion) and as a lawyer in Arizona, tried to suppress young voters at the polls.

He believed in a strict interpretation of the Constitution, a philosophy called "judicial restraint." In 1973, he was one

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Hurricane Katrina has struck the nation and all of its citizens. The winds have ripped out the soul and structure of the Gulf Coast. The unfathomable tragedy has resulted in an abrupt change for much of our nation.

The unpredictable damage resulted in a significant loss of life, and the aftermath stranded millions from the their homes and former lives. Once the storm lifted and the winds subsided, the true damage was felt. Houses were overturned and trees were uprooted, revealing how the destruction affected the lives of residents. The floodwater overflowed the levees and drowned a city built below sea level.

While the residents of New Orleans huddled in the Superdome and the Convention Center, the rest of the country pulled together its resources to help those in need. In a show of thanks for the support they received after the attacks of September 11, New Yorkers sent buses, fire fighters and police officers to aid the crippled city. Americans have opened up their homes to displaced New Orleans families. Congress just approved an additional $51.8 billion in federal aid, totaling over $62.3 billion. These federal numbers do not reflect the charitable generosity and giving from private citizens and organizations. In such a difficult and saddening time, it is truly remarkable to see the generosity and thoughtfulness that Americans have shown.

At the same time, however, one must consider what could have been done to prevent such a tragedy. While the city of New Orleans was at a natural geographic disadvantage, it seems that federal organizations, especially the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), could have been more prepared. Citizens of New Orleans have known for a long time that a hurricane was inevitably going to break down their levees, but money to strengthen them could not be found. And while stories of the hurricane's strength were on the news days before the storm hit land, FEMA's director, Michael Brown, admitted on national news days later that he had been surprised by the storm's strength. It is unfortunate, in a time when so many relied on the protection of their government, that communication barriers kept them from getting the help that they needed.

Instead of prolonging the criticism and blame, the state and federal governments need to overlook their joint failures and proceed with the cleanup effort. Already, heart-touching rescues have occurred as residents were taken from roof-tops and cars. The rescue effort now extends to door-to-door evacuations in New Orleans. Electric pumps are installed and busy removing flooded New Orleans. As the search for survivors continues, Americans eagerly anticipate changes to the emergency response system.

In the past week, Hamilton students have donated money, sponsored blood drives and Hamilton College has opened its doors to New Orleans students. The college community responds to the ongoing effort at the local and national levels. In the coming weeks, let us all pull together and do as much as we can to help the relief effort, and to ensure that we are more prepared in the future.

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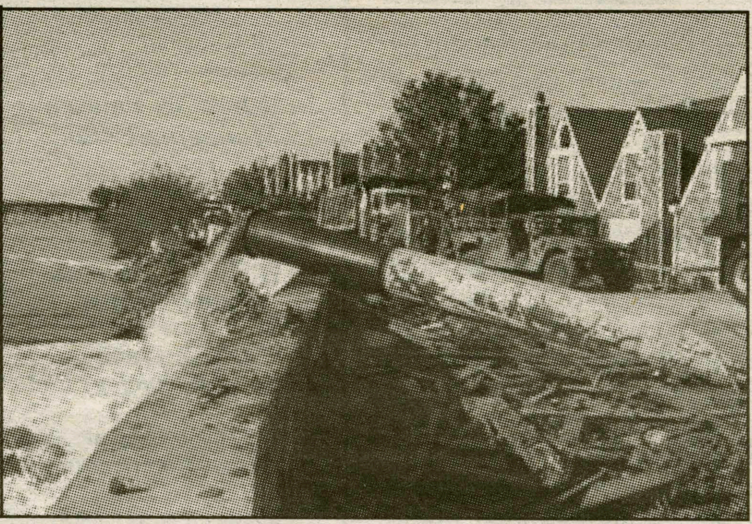
College reacts to Hurricane Katrina



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The death toll from the hurricane was expected to reach 10,000, although local officials believe it might be lower.

by Susan Stanton '09
NEWS WRITER

This past week we have all been watching news reports of the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina. There are deaths and vast amounts of destruction in Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana. The Hamilton community has opened its doors, its wallets, and its hearts to victims of Katrina.

The College has offered to enroll students from the Utica area that were enrolled in colleges in the Gulf region. These students are now eligible to take classes at Hamilton free of charge, but must be able to commute to the campus because no housing is available. As of this week, one student has taken Hamilton up on its offer and has already started classes here.

"We've received a number of people calling but only one student was able to take us up," said Dean of Students Nancy Thompson.

Dean Thompson only expects that one or two more students are going to be able to take classes here, due to hurricane loss. Only classes with availability are being offered so this will have little effect on the current class sizes and scheduling of Hamilton students. In the future, Hamilton will give special financial consideration to students living in the affected area, in light of possible long-term economic challenges.

Campus organizations are working on various projects to raise funds for Hurricane victims. The sisters of Kappa Sigma Alpha collected money for the Red Cross Relief Fund all week in Beinecke. Hundreds of people have generously donated to the fund, which had raised over $1700 after four days of collecting.

"Everyone talks about the 'Hamilton Bubble,' -- being out of touch with the real world-- but with events like these, it is impossible not to be aware," said Sharon Hakim '06, co-chair of philanthropy for KSA. " People all over are enduring hardships I could never imagine; the least we can do is send donations their way."

Jon Hysell, Director of Alumni Programs, has been investigating how the Hurricane has affected Hamilton alumni. He has been informed that most of the alumni have been evacuated.

"Several alumni have gotten in touch with us to report that they are safe and sound," said Hysell.

The alumni office has sent out emails to those alums in the Gulf area and has been posting on message boards. The message board is being used by Hamilton alumnus Dr. Andrew Marsh '90. Marsh is in New Orleans working as an emergency room doctor. He has been posting a compelling first hand account on the message boards for other alumni to read.

The Alumni Office will help alumni affected by Hurricane Katrina on a "case-to-case basis." Those with any information regarding the welfare of the alumni in the Gulf area are asked to contact Jon Hysell.

Late night ride-along may become paid job

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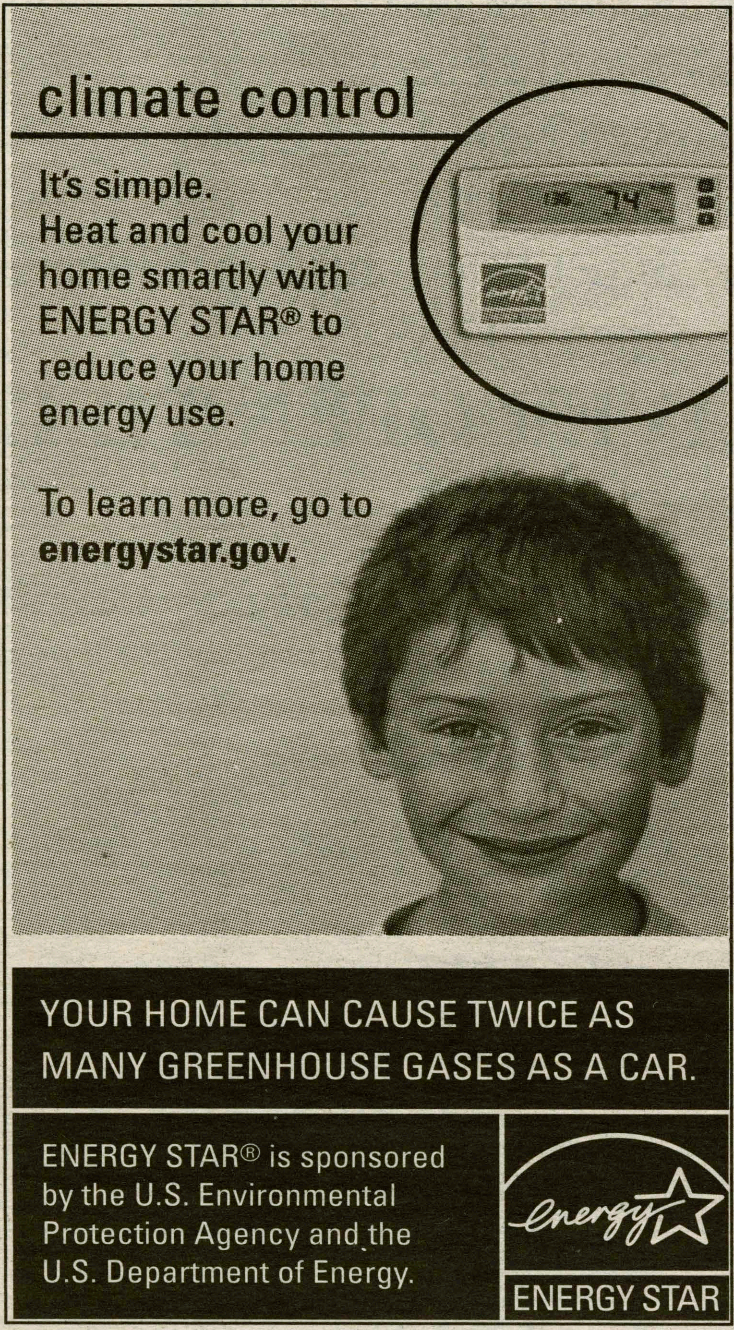
priate solution. "I think that ideally those who enjoy the luxury of having the Jitney late at night would be willing to make a small sacrifice to keep it running without expecting the college to cover any more costs," said Gardner. "After all, it is a very small percentage of the student body using this service."

Late night Jitney has been a fixture at Hamilton for over a decade. It is a student-organized safe ride service to downtown Clinton that is funded by Student Activities, and runs Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights between 10:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m.

"The availability of late night service this year will depend largely on the availability of drivers," said Gardner. "We hope to settle in and establish a regular schedule, but it may only entail one or two nights per weekend."

All-student e-mails will be sent out each week detailing the Jitney service for the upcoming weekend until a set schedule and the future of the late night program is established.



Chief Justice Rehnquist dies

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of only two justices who voted against *Roe v. Wade*.

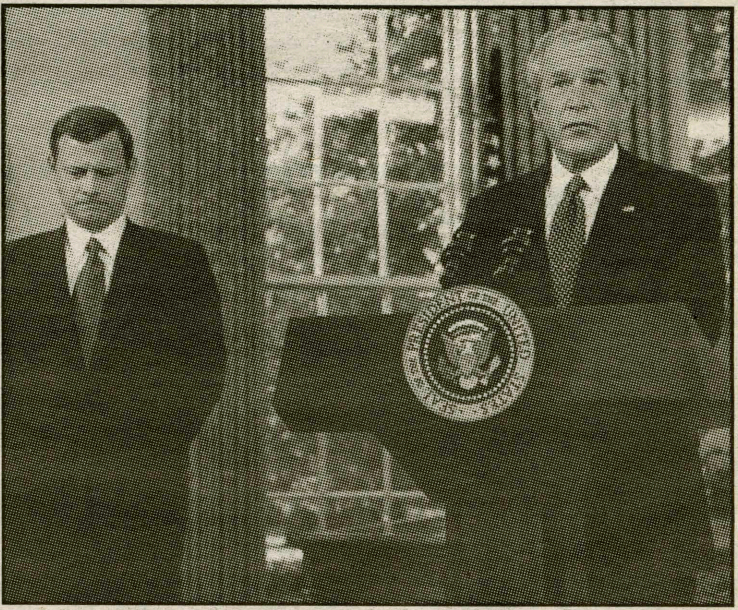
He stopped the strong movement for school vouchers and resided over *Bush v. Gore* in 2000. Rehnquist also presided over the presidential impeachment of Clinton.

But as an administrator of the court, "he is widely lauded as being a very effective in the sense of getting things done, taking care of Court employees, making sure that the business of the Federal Judiciary and the Supreme Court runs well," Klinkner said.

The man behind the mask

While serious on the bench, the Chief Justice had a very colorful side to him. He was a gambler and would place a bet on just about anything. When he wasn't organizing the court, chances are, he was organizing a betting pool or something along those lines.

And then there are the infamous four golden stripes imbedded on both sleeves of his robe. One day they just appeared and his fellow justices hid their chuckles as the press asked him questions about it. Rehnquist told them that he recently saw a local production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Iolanthe." During the performance, the Lord Chancier came out sporting a black robe with four golden stripes around the arms. He came back to work on Monday and had them immediately put on his own robe.



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President Bush nominated John Roberts to fill the vacancy left by Chief Justice Rehnquist.

Where do we go from here?

When the court adjourned at the end of June, there was speculation that Reinquist would step down. "I am not about to announce my retirement," said Reinquist in a statement. "I will continue to perform my duties as Chief Justice as long as my health permits."

Sandra Day O'Conner surprised many when she announced her resignation from the Supreme Court. President Bush nominated John Roberts for the position, but now hopes to replace Rehnquist with Roberts as Chief Justice.

"Everything we know about Roberts suggests that he will very much be a Rehnquist mold," Klinkner said. "So you are essentially replacing one conservative with another, keeping the status quo in the court." Hearings will begin in the Senate on Monday.

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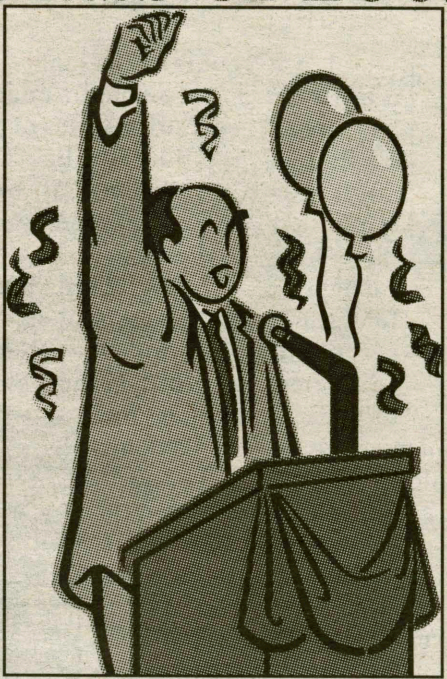

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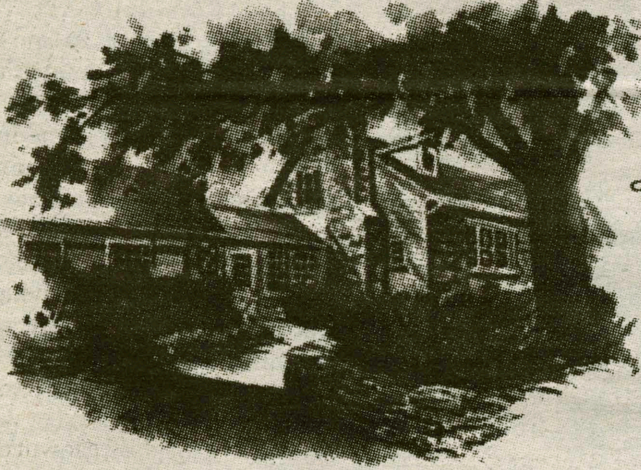

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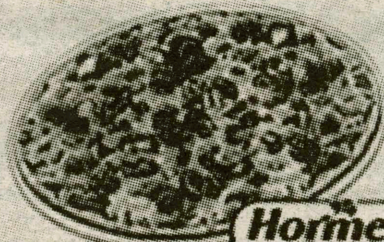

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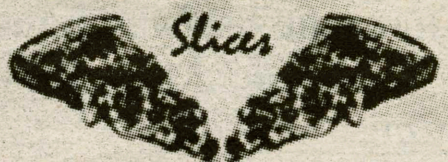

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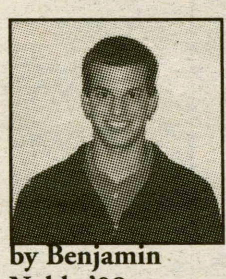


by Benjamin Noble '08
Insights & Ideas Writer

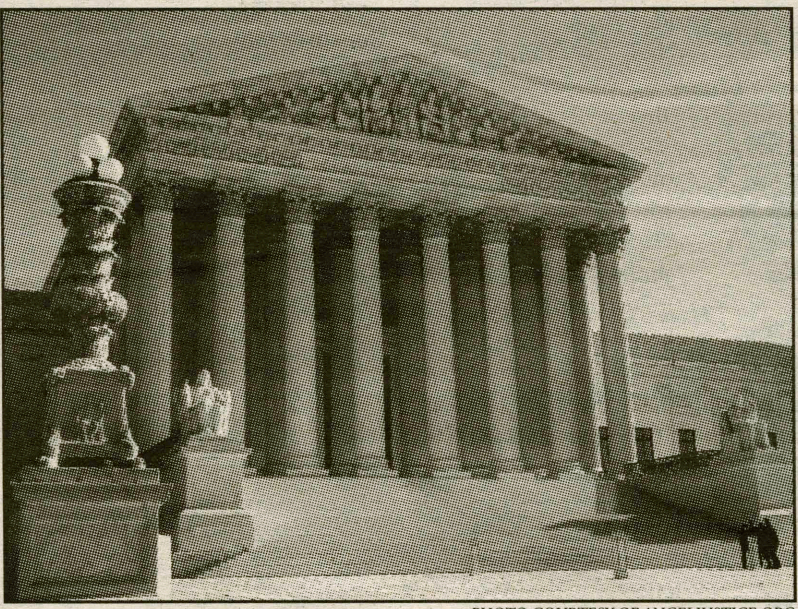
The public has been waiting in anticipation for the whole summer for the biggest political battle of the season. Special interest groups have spent millions on campaigns for and against Judge John Roberts, Jr. Senators have been digging through all of Roberts's writing from his early days as a young attorney in the Reagan Revolution to his present spot on the DC Circuit Court of Appeals. Roberts and his special guide (Former Sen. Fred D. Thompson (TN-R)) throughout the conformation process have been lobbying Senators for months.

But right before the fiery debate in the Senate Judiciary Committee's confirmation hearings was to begin, an unexpected and sad twist occurred.

In the late evening of September 3, 2005, the Honorable Chief Justice William Rehnquist passed away due to thyroid cancer. After the short commemorating coverage of Rehnquist, the media started to speculate on the political fall-out and on Bush's plan in filling the two vacancies and the leader of the highest court in the land.

The media conceived all sorts of theories on how Bush would fill the two empty benches, but all of the gossiping ceased abruptly on Labor Day.

On this last Monday, Bush withdrew Roberts' original nomination for replacing retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and renominated Roberts for the Chief Justice.



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Making Roberts the next top justice on the Supreme Court was an extremely smart move by Bush. Bush has a rare opportunity to shape the court to his political and judicial philosophy for about the next thirty years. God willing, it will be about the next thirty years since Roberts is only fifty years old (very young for a Supreme Court Justice).

Bush also only has to deal with two confirmation hearings this way. If he nominated Justices Antonin Scalia or Clarence Thomas for the next chief justice then the Senate would have to have hearings for two associate justices and one chief justice; all of which would have been extremely contentious. By conveniently picking Roberts as the top justice, Bush now only has to choose a replacement for O'Connor.

Another benefit of picking Roberts as the next chief justice is that there will be all nine justices come the beginning of the court's session in October. The replacement for O'Connor will probably not be on the bench (because since the 1970s it takes on average about 72 days for a nominee to go through the confirmation process). But, even with her ailing husband, she has graciously agreed to stay on the bench until there is a successor for her.

The confirmation hearings on Roberts will be more contentious due to his recent promotion, but Bush's plan is far less politically divisive and faster than the alternatives.

Senators on the Judiciary Committee have been researching Roberts for the whole summer so now they do not have to study someone else. Also, by having the conservative Roberts replace the conservative Rehnquist; there is no ideological shift on the court, thus making the hearing far less controversial.

Well, Bush has quickly answered the question on who will become the next chief justice, but the next and more troublesome question is who will replace O'Connor? We are back to where we began in the summer!-trying to find a replacement for the swing-voting moderate O'Connor.

Democrats hope that Bush will pick a centrist to replace a centrist. Democrats wish to get the President to do this, especially since they believe Bush is too weak due to Iraq and Hurricane Katrina. However, Bush will not yield to the Left.

Bush has a prerogative to choose whomever he wants because he won the election. Winning elections comes with the laurels of making public policy, being commander-in-chief, nominating governmental officials (including justices), etc.

The President has an uncommon chance to move the court from the center to the right and therefore will not just nominate someone who will have an easy time in the nomination process. Again, Bush will choose who he wants, especially since he is a second term president. His judicial nominations are his longest lasting legacy; consequently Bush will not succumb to Democrats' demands. Bush will pick a strong conservative originalist who strictly interprets the Constitution and does not legislate from the bench.

In the next couple of weeks there should be lots of heated political events and debates. Unfortunately, the Democrats will not act as civilly as the Republicans did during the Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg hearings. Oh well, let the confirmation rumbles begin!

Thumbs up	Thumbs down	Who cares
- This week's Points Leader, and the winner is... - State. - No late night Jitney, making the halfway house the hottest hookup spot on campus. - Dollar beers at the pub, perfect for alcoholics on a budget.	- The serious lack of parties thus far. AD who? - The Commons Runs, you know what we're talking about. - $3.50/gallon making Daddy's Range Rover collect dust. - Klinkner and Stewart showing up to Milbank parties at 1 a.m., next time bring your own booze. *by Jesse Gaylord '06, Jason Thomas '06*	- How much work you have already, shoulda gone to MVCC. - How much you hate the OC. We'll see who's lame when you have nothing to talk about in Commons tomorrow. - The delayed opening of the Science Center, seriously, who cares.

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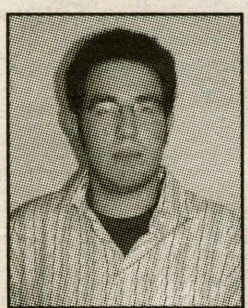


by Chris Bouton '09
Insights & Ideas Writer

When analyzing the naming of Judge John Roberts as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, one needs to realize two things: first, that Judge Roberts will be the next chief justice, and more importantly, that Judge Roberts should not be the next chief justice.

Judge Roberts is fifty years old. His tenure on the court will stretch far beyond the life of the current administration and others to come. A reasonable estimate would have Roberts as the chief justice for the next thirty years.

No doubt in the coming years issues such as gay marriage, the right to privacy, and the limits on executive power will come before the court. No doubt Roberts will continue the legacy of his predecessor and apply a strict constructionist view of the Constitution. He will be joined by Justices Scalia and Thomas both noted conservatives and strict constructionists.

Judge Roberts has a small body of work that senators can use to evaluate his potential and the stance he will adopt if confirmed. A cynic (like myself) might suspect that Roberts was nominated for just that reason. So that when put before the Senate there would be very little for liberal and even moderate senators to object to in regards to Roberts legal positions.

Despite the cries of conservative groups that Roberts not be subjected to specific questions regarding potential issues that may come before the court, it is the duty of the Senate to ask these precise questions. These are the questions that will shape the future of America.

When examining his record both as a judge and as a lawyer, one finds that Judge Roberts has ruled that the protections provided by Geneva Conventions can not be enforced by U.S. courts (in regards to detainees held by the US at Guantanamo Bay).

In addition, Roberts believes in the Constitutionality of school prayer and does not acknowledge a constitutional right to privacy. These views are appalling in their lack of regard for certain unalienable rights endowed to humanity. Roberts, while serving as the deputy solicitor general argued to limit the remedies a teenage girl who suffered sexual abuse could receive under Title IX (The Supreme Court unanimously disagreed with Judge Roberts's opinion). For these reasons he is not qualified to be the chief justice.

The question then becomes what kind of Supreme Court should we have and what kind of justice should President Bush appoint to the court? If President Bush wanted a court that would uphold in the strongest sense the right of judicial review and give America a court it could be proud of, he would appoint a liberal justice. This justice should be the Left's equivalent of Justice Scalia or Justice Thomas. That way in every important case before the court both sides would be heard from on an equal basis.

The Constitution upholds and protects the rights of the minority. Beacuse the liberals are currently in the minority, would it really be awful to have a liberal to argue with the leading conservatives of the court? Can anyone honestly say that the court or the nation at large would be hurt from hearing Justice Scalia on one side of an issue and an equally liberal justice on the other side? Wouldn't doing so only serve to raise the level of judicial debate and scholarship in this country? When is raising the level of concerned, intelligent and serious debate ever a bad thing?

Now will this happen? Of course not. No doubt President Bush will nominate someone as equally conservative as Judge Roberts or Chief Justice Rehnquist. Or perhaps in a moment of realism he will nominate a moderate so as to not attempt to further polarize the country along ideological lines. This, however, is doubtful, and let me give you all some advice: get ready for expanding executive power, a roll back of Federal protective legislation, and a series of decisions that will curb civil liberties. Enjoy living in Oceania... err I mean America.

by Lorraine Sperling '08
Insights & Ideas Writer

Seldom does a political issue incite as much partisan behavior and outpour of emotion as has the recent debate surrounding Supreme Court, and now Chief Justice nominee, John G. Roberts. Upon re-reading that last sentence, two words stick out in my mind as logically, legally, and fundamentally out of place: "political issue."

Both the left and the right seem to agree that John G. Roberts is a candidate of strong educational background (B.A. and J.D. degrees from Harvard, after all, are not too shabby) and solid professional experience. Yet, much dissension stems from questions regarding his political views, personal opinions, and so-called "vision for America."

I'm forced to ask-why are these matters even pertinent to the judicial nomination process? Is not a judge supposed to make decisions based on the facts and circumstances of the case as they apply to the written letter of the law, rather than personal opinions or pre-conceived notions? How can a nominee be expected to answer how he or she would rule on certain matters when a true legal decision must be grounded in careful analysis of the facts of the case, not the issue with which the case may deal? Are not debates ensuing judicial nominations meant to focus on the merits and qualifications of the candidate, namely his or her ability to apply sound judgment, reason, and the letter of the law in Court decisions?

Case in point: a political columnist by the name of Kurt Anderson writes, "...what does Roberts believe? What does he think...about whether public-school prayer and abortion should be legal and how environmental laws can be constitutionally enforced? Starting the day after Labor Day, Chuck Schumer and Pat Leahy and the other Democrats on the judiciary committee will ask him all those questions."

In considering that Canon 5 of the Model Code of Judicial Ethics prohibits judges from allowing personal opinions, views, and biases to influence the way in which they decide a case, the very notion of asking judicial nominees to elaborate on their personal views or propensity to decide a case in one way or another is absurd. The model judge is objective, relying solely on reason and strict application of the law to reach a sound decision.

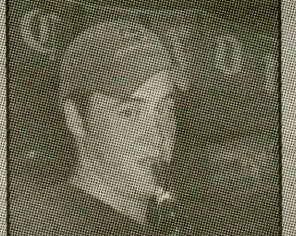
However, it is an unfortunate reality that the second half of the twentieth century has seen great expansion of the power and politicization of the Court. The year 1975 saw the involvement of interest groups for the first time when women's groups opposed Ford's nomination of John Paul Stevens to the Court, and political frenzy reached its peak in 1987 with Reagan's nomination of Robert Bork.

It seems as though we now face a tradition of politicized, partisan debate regarding Supreme Court nominees, rather than careful inquiry concerning merits and qualifications. In my humble opinion, I believe attention should be focused not on the "political consequences" of confirming a particular nominee, but on the very notion itself that the actions of the Supreme Court may yield political consequences in the first place.

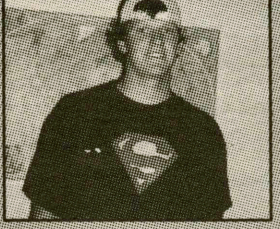
Clarification: In last week's issue of "Left! Right! Hamilton Let's Fight!" editors added the word "member" into the column written by Lorraine Sperling. The sentence should have read, "In other words, Joe Smith, the bakery-owner, might be able to afford health insurance for his staff if he can team up with Sam Jones, the bakery-owner across town, and a local Baker's Association to purchase an AHP shared by all involved."

If you could ask Alexander Hamilton one question, what would it be?

"How big IS it? ~Andy Kurz, '06



"Want to get a beer? ~Anthony Tripicchio '06



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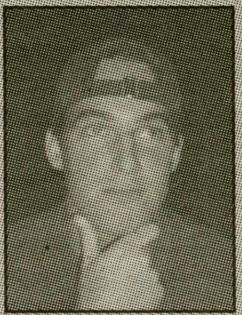
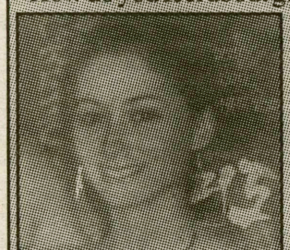
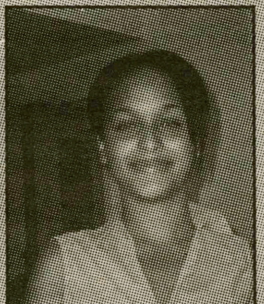


"Who?" ~Mike Hayes '06

"How do you feel about gun control laws?" ~Jess Mariglio '07



"What do you think about race and women?" ~Kirsis Genao '07



"What do you think now?" ~Heather Comforto '06

"How many points do YOU have?" ~Lindsay Rubenstein '07

Hamilton Unscripted

by Rebecca Grusky '06

Keeping alive the memory of 9-11

by Martin Connor '09
Insights & Ideas Writer

Four long years ago on a Tuesday morning I was sitting in the backseat of a car heading downtown on the west side highway on the way to school from an early morning doctor's appointment that had cost me my first morning class on the second full day of high school. As we rounded a bend below midtown the World Trade Center came into view.

My father's driver saw it first, uttering words not suitable for print; the gaping hole, thick black smoke billowing out. We switched on the radio. Nothing. My father called his office. Nothing. My father's driver, a retired police officer, knew it was a terrorist attack. The news. A plane had flown into the north tower of the World Trade Center, perhaps an accident, how could it be deliberate?

We arrived at my school, only two blocks away. I hurried into class. I was late. As I went up the escalator the lights dimmed slightly for a second. I went into class. My father stood outside with his driver and my football coach and others. As I had gone into the building a second plane had gone into the second tower.

Outside, people ran under the pedestrian bridge that ran from my school to the other side of the Westside Highway. It was built to keep students safe from the traffic. Those who ran under it were seeking shelter from the explosion.

Inside, I sat in Latin class and we watched the news. Another plane had hit. I was skeptical, I hadn't seen it, hadn't connected the dimming lights and distant sound to another explosion. I knew it was an accident. Perhaps a rescue plane had crashed. We went to our third period classes. I watched through the window as my biology teacher tried to teach. There was a horrible rumbling and smoke. We thought another plane had crashed because it did not occur to us that the Twin Towers could fall. We thought it had just missed us. We feared for our lives. We were instructed to go to homeroom. On the tenth floor my father emerged from the elevator. People were lost, terrified. People thought they were going to die. I left with my father.

Outside, ranks of firefighters marched down the Westside highway. My eyes water when I remember them. The magnitude of trucks required they park farther and farther away and march in. I watched them and was pulled away by my father, and we got into the car. We tried to drive away.

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Inside, emergency workers entered our school to set up triage. The principal asked what he should do about the students. The emergency workers were shocked. It had never occurred to them that the students were still in the building. The back doors were opened facing uptown and the students ran. The second tower collapsed. I saw the cloud of smoke through the back window of the car.

Though people choose to remember that fateful day in their own ways and on their own terms, everyone recognizes the fact that it must be remembered, both on this campus and within our country as a whole. The change in perspective that that day brought to us is undeniable.

It is more important than ever now, in a time when the events of September 11th are so often manipulated and used for political exploit, that we remember that day for what it was, a terrible tragedy in which the lives of thousands and thousands of innocent people were compromised in malignant ways.

Our personal remembrances of that event must be constructive, not destructive; we must reflect on this hateful act with sympathy for those who it hurt, not dwell on hatred for those who caused it.

Now as another year passes and September 11th retreats farther into our past and for many of us farther into the recesses of our mind, our community at Hamilton must not let the memory fade. For as we all remember September 11th in different ways, through personal reflection or memorial vigils, we must also remember that there are still those who go to sleep on this night with the images of that day still emblazoned in their shut eyes, horrible images of buildings crashing down, people falling, or firefighters marching to an unbeknownst death. Yet these images can never overcome the hope and conviction that a future free of such tragedy is not so far away.

A letter from the President

September 9, 2005

Dear Hamilton Students:

With the fall semester now fully under way, I want to send warm wishes to all of our returning students and to welcome, once again, the newest members of the Hamilton family, the Class of '09.

Matriculation was an immense pleasure (although it already seems a long time ago!). Convocation was likewise exhilarating, with the enormous turnout and the chance to talk to both returning and new students.

Although a college president must travel off-campus to visit with alumni, I am pleased to be increasing significantly the amount of time I will be spending on campus this semester. I look forward to getting to know better the wonderful people at Hamilton and our students in particular. I hope to meet you in the dining halls, at lectures, or at arts or athletics events. I enjoy these informal opportunities to learn what is on your minds.

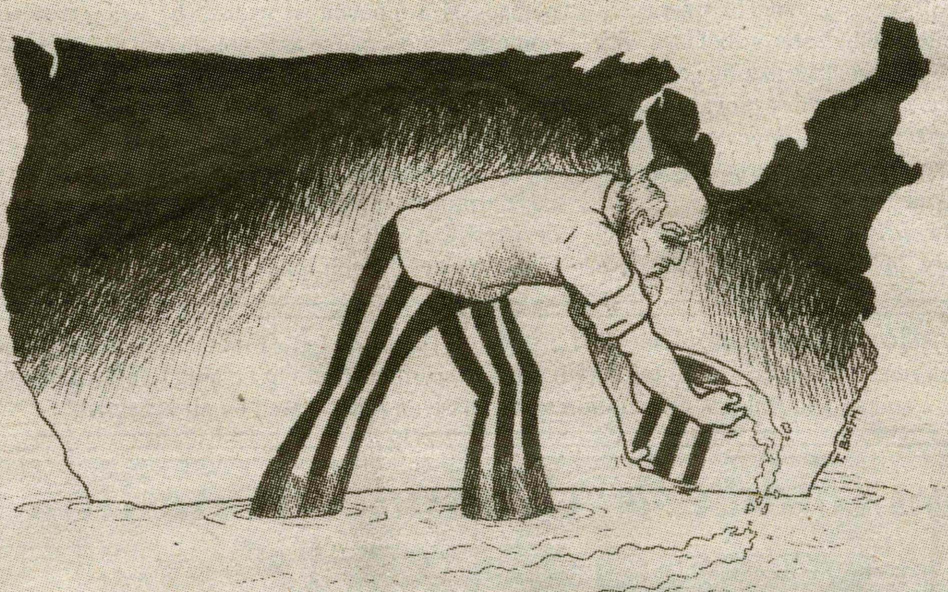
I will continue to hold my Open Hour on Monday afternoons from 1:30 to 2:30 in Café Opus, and I encourage you to drop by either to discuss something in particular or just to say hello. I will also be attending occasional meetings of Student Assembly. I participated in several meetings last year and was impressed by the professionalism and good work of our student leaders and representatives.

I intend to arrange a few small "discussion dinners" with students in order to provide relaxed occasions where I can listen to student ideas and suggestions in small groups. (Perhaps I'll use the opportunity to ask students what they would do or what they would change, if they were Hamilton's president!)

As always, I welcome e-mails or letters with your views and suggestions, and I hope that you will stop and talk with me any time our paths cross on campus. I would especially welcome that.

With all best wishes,
Joan Hinde Stewart

Drawing Criticism by Tom Booth '06



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Advice Column: dear Hamilton Helper

by Rebecca Griffin '09
Insights & Ideas Writer

Dear Hamilton Helper,

When I wake up in the morning I often find that my roommate isn't there, and I realize that she never came back the night before. Usually she's off with friends but it makes me really nervous when I realize she's not there. What can I do about this?

Roaming Roommate

Dearing Roaming,

Simply tell your roommate that you care about her and it makes you uneasy when she stays out all night. Then ask her to let you know if she's not sleeping in the room that night. The truth is that she is probably part of a secret ninja group that spends their nights patrolling campus in order to protect us from infiltration. When she says she'll be out all night simply thank her for keeping you safe and lounge around in your robe in your empty double all night.

Dear Hamilton Helper,

My roommate likes to set about four alarms in the morning in order to ensure that she wakes up on time. The problem is that she just hits the snooze button when each one goes off which means that I have to wake her up and listen to four alarms on days when I get to sleep in. What can I do about this?

Crazed by Clocks

Dear Crazed,

If your roommate tends to go back to sleep maybe she should think about getting a louder alarm that would really wake her up. She could also put the alarm on the other side of the room so that when she has to walk across it to shut it off she'll already be awake. If none of that works you can always make the alarms set to your favorite song so that every morning you can enjoy a nice round robin of the chorus as the various alarms go off.

Dear Hamilton Helper,

We have a guy on our floor that frequently likes to walk out of the shower without a towel. I have no idea whether he just forgot to bring one or if he's secretly or not so secretly a streaker. How can we make this guy put on some clothes?

Shocked by Shameless Showerer

Dear Shocked,

It might help to simply bring up the fact that you and your friends would like him to cover up in casual conversation. If he still persists then there is something that you and your friends can do. Just wait outside in a group when you know he's going to soon be coming out of the shower and as he passes point and giggle together. It might also help to ask him if he feels particularly cold. Trust me, he'll cover up next time and will have learned a lesson.

Dear Hamilton Helper,

I find that all my friends are constantly receiving letters and packages from home while I get nothing but ads to subscribe to various magazines and other pointless papers. What can I do about this?

At a Loss for Letters

Dear At a Loss,

The simplest thing to do would be to send your own letters to your family and friends because I'm sure once they hear from you they'll write back. Otherwise, I'd suggest buying a lot of stuff off of ebay and sending it to yourself. That way you'll always have packages.

Have a question for the Hamilton Helper?

e-mail her at rgriffin@hamilton.edu

Have an opinion? Write for Insights and Ideas!

e-mail Caitlin at crochfor@hamilton.edu

See page 20 for this week's crossword puzzle and answers to last week's puzzle. The crossword will return to Insights & Ideas next week.

The Career Center

2 easy steps to sign up for Career Center events:

log on:

http://hamilton.erecruiting.com

Use "ham" + your Student ID number (eliminating the 'zeroes') as your username. For example: Student ID: 001234567 = Username: ham1234567

The password is: aaron

You will need to fill out the required fields in your "profile"

sign-up:

In the calendar view, click on the event you are interested in. Click on the "sign up" button on the right. You do not have to have a resume uploaded to attend events!

What exactly is eRecruiting?

eRecruiting is the Career Center's online database of jobs and internship opportunities for ALL class years.

eRecruiting also offers an event calendar which allows you to view all upcoming Career Center events (like Career Lunches, Employer Info Sessions, Workshops, Application Deadlines, etc).

Questions? Call us at x4346

Hurricane Katrina Relief from Hamilton Students

by Sean McHugh '09
FEATURES WRITER

Hurricane Katrina is now deceased—its pouring, apocalyptic rains gone, its wild winds faded. However, in the wake of one of the worst natural disasters the U.S. has experienced, possibly thousands of others have also been left deceased, even thousands more homeless, and many more embittered about the government's poor response to it, before and after the hurricane hit. However, in the aftermath of all this devastation, Hamilton students are reporting to duty by doing what they can to contribute in any way to aid in the recovery of New Orleans.

Hockey player Pat McGarry '07, and his roommates-fellow hockey teammates-Ricky Reichenbach '06, Josh Benson '06, Jim Nolon '07, and Gus Katsuras '06 (hockey captain), on the night of September 7th, went from dorm to dorm, door to door, even randomly approaching people on campus, asking their classmates to contribute some money to the Hurricane Katrina victims.

"There were some really generous people," Ricky said. "We made over a grand." He later added, "We were gonna set up a table but some sorority chicks beat us to it."

Those "sorority chicks" would be Kappa Sigma Alpha (KSA), which was founded three years ago in order to involve women with "a unique opportunity to have a positive impact on the Hamilton College community" (http://students.hamilton.edu/ksa/home.htm). They set up a table outside of Howard's Diner in Beinecke and collected about sixteen-hundred dollars, according to one of the Philanthropy Chairpersons, Sharon Hakim '06. When asked if KSA would be doing anything more, she said "I feel that all you can really donate right now is money." She said KSA will see what's needed as time goes on.

HAVOC is also contributing to aid any Hurricane Katrina victims. Last Saturday, certain student volunteers went to a WalMart in Utica to collect funds. Katie Childs '08 said "We're not doing anything right now, but, in a few weeks, we'll be accepting service packs from volunteers." A service pack would be a box or basket of materials and supplies, such as water, soap, canned food, and any other valuable product a Katrina victim might need desperately.

An event called "Disaster Relief Fund" by the Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity will be hosted on campus, in Beinecke, by Hector Acevedo '08, on September 12th at noon, and September 16th, a 3p.m. The occasion will be for everyone, "as a community of scholars to come together and try to help those in need."

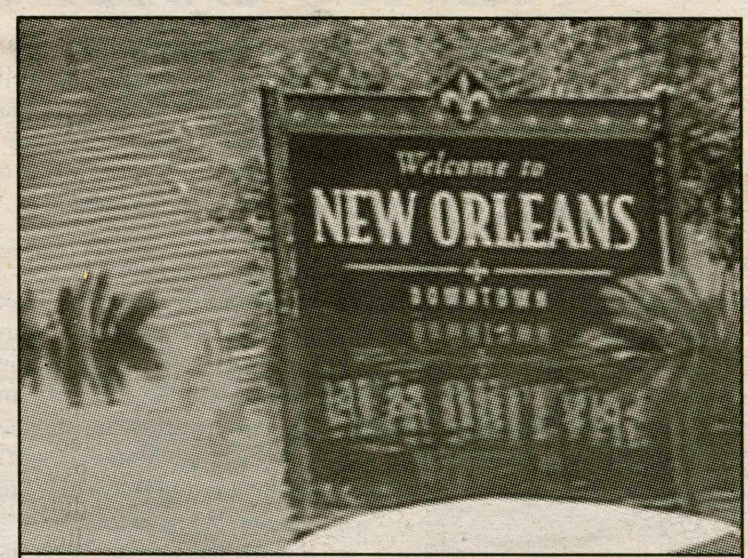
However, some organizations, such as the Brothers, are willing but unable. Brandon Long '09 said "[Aidee Acosta '09] mentioned it but…right now we have no money to give." As soon as an idea comes to them, though, one can be sure that they will rise to the occasion and live up to their name.

Also, the college, itself, is opening its classroom doors to the students of any college in the Gulf area that has been forced to suspend its operations.

Just this past Wednesday, September 6th, an American Red Cross blood drive was even conducted in Beinecke, from 11:30a.m. to 5:30p.m.

Also, the alumni office is collecting information about the welfare of alumni from Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama who might have been victimized by the hurricane.

Also, with a few Hamilton students from Louisiana—even some specifically from New Orleans—Katrina hit closer to Clinton, NY than one might have thought. One Hamilton student from New Orleans (who wishes to remain anonymous), when asked if he or she had given or was planning to give any aid, said "It's hard to give money…to an organization...when I'd prefer a more direct organization or something." The student could barely be clearly expressive after such a silencing disaster—the student's home was partially destroyed, even. "I hate how it's everywhere," the student said.



Devastation from the Hurricane promotes a campus-wide response

It would not be hard to hate the constant reminder of such a tragic event that hit your home and took out a portion of it—and affected family and friends and destroyed the former life that you left behind. It would be quite easy. Considering this, everyone, no matter how near or far from New Orleans, should and has opened a hand and a heart to classmates from the area. As Hector Acevedo said, quoting Martin Luther King: "If we are conscious about an injustice it is our responsibility to do something about it." And Hamilton has.

Know the facts about H.A.V.O.C.

Weekly review of campus clubs and organizations

by Whitney Kimmel '08
FEATURES EDITOR

Quick Facts:
Established: 1988
Director: John Pappano
Goal: Community Service at Hamilton
The Acronym? Hamilton Action Volunteer Outreach Coalition

PHOTO: TAYLOR AUSTIN '06

Rebecca Mackenzie '08, Desdalin Black '07, Katie Berlent '08 and John Pappano '06 at the HAVOC Fair

When asked about the purpose of HAVOC, the director of the organization, John Pappano explained; "HAVOC is a non-greek, student-run, community service umbrella," targeting the fundamental needs of Utica through manual work and monetary contributions. Pappano said, "We facilitate around 25 ongoing projects as well as larger all-campus service endeavors such as the Martin Luther King Service Day and Make a Difference Day as well as an executive agenda of speakers, documentary films and the like – all pertaining to each semester's designated theme."

Pappano believes that while, "some days you're entirely concerned with awareness and advocacy and other days you're just concerned with meeting basic needs, the one string that pulls you along the whole way is the dream of a more socially just and harmonious society." He feels, "everybody has a little bit of an idealist in them … and HAVOC is an avenue to express that." Students should do service as a "exercise in character development." He noted that, "it teaches you humility and responsibility – independence – and is a very eye-opening experience aside from meeting the basic needs of others who are in unfortunate circumstances."

HAVOC's range of projects includes, but is not limited to, tutoring at local schools, serving at the Abraham House (a local hospice center), the Loretto Center which specializes in senior care, the JCTOD's after school program for at-risk children and many more. This organization kicked off the year with Make a Difference Day, employing the aid of over 100 students who traveled throughout Utica and the surrounding area to help out. Wednesday, September 7th, the HAVOC Fair drawed over 200 students interested in getting involved in the many service opportunities on and off campus – most of which were Freshman.

HAVOC has had a profound impact on the local community. Pappano believes that while, "the 'local community' to most students is Clinton, the local community to HAVOC is Utica." He feels, "we've had a great impact there. All of our projects, except maybe one or two of them, are located in Utica. It's a city that needs a lot of help, and we are there to facilitate them in the best way that we can. I think we do a good job. No, I know we do a good job."

There can be no question about the success of HAVOC. Numerous students and faculty alike participate in their events, and Student Assembly heartily supports their effort through student funding.

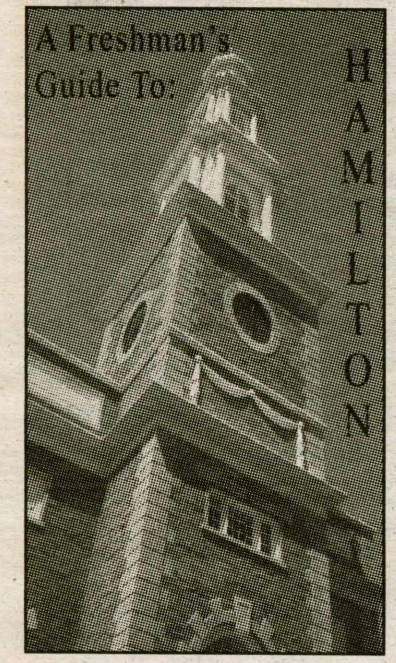
Aside from the obvious efforts students put in to their aid of the local community, a vast amount of work goes into the organization and maintenance of HAVOC's projects. The executive board is comprised of 9 members as well as one Head Faculty Advisor and Advisory Board containing several professors. HAVOC's Office Manager, Amy Brown '08, maintains the HAVOC office in the basement of Bristol. Katie Childs '08 serves as the Volunteer Coordinator, in charge of drumming up new members and interest in present projects. Julie Haney '07 manages publicity. She maintains the website, sends community and campus emails as well as collaborating with the event coordinators (Melanie Leeds '08 and Emily Pallin '08) to ensure the appropriate posters and print materials are distributed around campus. Leeds and Pallin "handle the executive events agenda (such as speakers and documentary films, fundraisers and other projects throughout the year)," according to Pappano. HAVOC's Community Liason is Katie Naughton '08. She works closely with HAVOC's off-campus affiliates to inform them of HAVOC's activities and search for unique community needs. Megan Ratcliff '08 is the Staff Coordinator. She manages the ongoing projects and serves as a "liason between the site coordinators and executive board." The Executive Board contains one Member at Large who is presently coordinating with former HAVOC director Haley Reimbold '06 and former Publicity Director Sharon Hakim '06 on a year long project. Evan Torres '08 holds this position, acting as a sort of HAVOC cheerleader and supporter of various projects and initiatives within the organization its self.

When asked what the Director does, Pappano stated; "That's a good question. I set the budget and make sure people are doing what they are supposed to be doing. I have three goals for this semester however," which include the acquisition of a HAVOC credit card, building a stronger relationship with HAVOC and other service-oriented groups on campus as well as committing Student Assembly to a fixed annual budget of $10,000 for HAVOC. In addition, he runs weekly executive board meetings and the semester Advisor Meetings with members of the faculty to discuss pervasive issues concerning HAVOC.

HAVOC is a strong organization whith room for anyone to join. It offers a good chance for personal enrichment as well as the betterment of life off-campus. It is one of the largest and most reputable organizations Hamilton has to offer and is arguably one of the most influential as well. Its mission boads well for the character and name of Hamilton and its neighboring communities.

"What I wish I had known as a freshman..."

Advice from upperclassmen about life on the Hill



by Caitlin Rochford '06
FEATURES WRITER

A few words about classes. While you might have been able to get away with missing a whole week of high school classes, the same will not apply here. Maybe you heard that college classes are not mandatory and that it will be up to you to you to decide whether or not to attend class once you got to college? It's not true. At Hamilton, most professors do take attendance and they will take points off of your average for missing classes. Jamie Benway '06, a neuroscience major, said, "You actually have to go to class." If there's an emergency or you are sick, professors generally appreciate an e-mail, in advance if possible." Excuses that usually won't be accepted: "I slept in because my alarm clock broke," "I'm just not feeling well and need some extra sleep," "I have too much work from another class," "I'm hungover," etc. Remember: your Freshman-year grades count, so if you're planning on being successful after graduation, do well Freshman year.

What should you expect from your social life? It's possible that many of you went to high schools that are bigger than Hamilton College, or at least most of us didn't live with the people we went to school with. Those of you who went to boarding school will understand this advice. Evelyn Shapiro '06, an English major said, "Word travels fast. Everyone knows your business." Hamilton is a very small community, so don't be surprised when the stupid thing you did last weekend ends up on a bulletin board, in the Daily Bull, or as a topic of conversation in your Sociology class on Monday.

Take advantage of the college. Hamilton has lots of services for students that are usually free. You should take advantage of as many of them as possible.

The Quantitative Literacy (Q-Lit) Center offers help in Math and the Sciences. Located on the second floor of Christian A. Johnson Hall (CJ), the center provides tutors in Biology, Chemistry, Economics, Geology, Math, Physics and Psychology. The center's schedule can be found on the Hamilton website.

Many professors, especially during your first year, will require that you take your papers to the Writing Center. The Nesbitt-Johnston Writing Center, located on the second floor of Kirner Johnson Hall (KJ), provides student writing tutors to help with every stage of the writing process. The Center tutors from 10 a.m. until 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and the complete schedule can be accessed on Hamilton's website.

The Thomas B. Rudd Health Center provides medical attention to students. Services are confidential and can either be paid through a student's insurance or by the student. The health center offers a variety of condoms for free, and many female students use the service to get affordable birth control pills. Located above the health center, you will find the counseling center. This service is also free and confidential.

Food at Hamilton. Many new students are confused by their meal plan when they first arrive at school. Basically, all first-years are required to have the 21-meal plan. With this plan you will have unlimited access to Commons and McEwen; however, if you go to the Diner or the Little Pub, that uses your meal and you will not be able to get into a dining hall until the next meal. Bonus meals can be used at all dining halls if you've used up your meal and are still hungry. Bonus meals can also be used to get breakfast at the Diner late-night or to get candy or other snacks. You should not save all of your bonus meals until the end of the semester, because there is never any food left in the diner during finals week. A last, and possibly the most important, bit of advice: the alarm doors in McEwen are fake. So, if you're in a hurry and you need to get from McEwen to KJ, use the doors.

As for all-campus parties ... the majority of large parties on campus will happen in the Bundy dining hall, the Annex, the basement of ELS, or sometimes in the Hub the first floor of Bristol). Almost all parties have kegs, so a lot of beer gets spilled on the floor. Especially for Bundy parties, one should never wear flip-flops, or shoes that they care to ever wear in public again. Other things you should never bring to all-campus parties: your North Face fleece (everyone on campus has the same one, and you will never leave with the same one you came with) our cell phone (you won't be able to hear it ring, and if you are a girl, you will inevitably drop it into a toilet).

Dorm life will - undoubtably - take some getting used to. For most freshmen, this will be the first time you are living in such close quarters with other people. The biggest difference between living in a dorm room and living at home is that no one besides you will care about your personal belongings. So, don't bring things to school that you care a lot about because they will get used, ruined or stolen. If you brought a futon to school, cover it or it will get so dirty that your parents will not allow it in their car when they pick you up at the end of the year.

Cleanliness is a real issue in dorm life. You should always wear flip-slops in the shower, even if you live in South, and all of your roommates seem to have clean feet. You can never be too careful. If any of your roommates are athletes, this warning is especially important. Additionally, if you are, or have a roommate that is an athlete, you will probably have equipment that needs to be stored. Your room is not the place for it. Ben Noble, a sophomore, said, "No one will tough your hockey bag anyway, so put it somewhere else."

What to expect from your professors-showing up to class on time is not usually enough to make your professors like you. All professors have office hours, and you should use them. "Don't be afraid to ask," Senior Physics and Studio Art Major Josh Newman '06 said. "There is no other college like Hamilton in terms of student to teacher ratios." Most of your professors will eventually know you by name, and they will appreciate if you talk to them.

Of course, there are a lot of other things that you will learn as time goes on. Although your mom, all your high school teachers and your college counselors have all told you this; college will be some of the most interesting years of your life. The experiences you will have will provide you with plenty of stories to tell your friends and family for the rest of your life. No Freshman forum will give them to you, you will find them on your own. Life on the Hill is absolutely one of a kind.

History and Culture

by Evelyn Shapiro '06
FEATURES WRITER

As you walk around the Hamilton campus, you have undeniably noticed the abundance of buildings and other structures displaying the name "Root." But how many people actually know why the name is there?

I certainly did not know the answer when I arrived at Hamilton. In fact, I thought Root was a botanical reference. Eventually, I learned that the name in fact referred to a graduate of Hamilton named Elihu Root. Still unclear as to his importance (I assumed he was just extremely wealthy), it wasn't until I became a tour guide that I was told of his significance to not only Hamilton, but to the United States as well.

Elihu Root was not unlike some current Hamilton students. Born here in Clinton (in what is now Buttrick Hall, in fact) to the son of a Hamilton math professor, Root naturally attended his father's place of employment. After graduating first in his class in 1864, he attended New York University's school of law, opened his own law firm after a year of practice, and went on to become one of New York's most esteemed corporate lawyers.

Root, a Republican, participated minimally in politics. Nonetheless, President William McKinley appointed Root to the position of Secretary of War in 1899. Root made enormous advances for the United States, both internally and externally. In 1904, he returned to private practice, but quickly went back to politics the following year as President Theodore Roosevelt's Secretary of State. Establishing himself brilliantly in this position as well, he went on to be a U.S. Senator from 1909 to 1915. After his Senate run, he continued to be active in politics.

A major part of Root's career dealt with international arbitration. He was a leading figure in a number of endeavors, including forming the Central American Court of Justice and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Accordingly, in 1912, Root received the Nobel Prize for Peace for his international efforts. The Nobel website praises Root for his "comprehensive grasp of legal principles, his formidable power of analysis, his creative genius in discovering solutions to problems, his disciplined attention to detail, and his skill in expression, whether written or oral." (According to *Nobel Lectures, Peace 1901-1925. http://www.u-s-history.com)*

So next time you walk by either Root hall or in Root Glen, just remember who those places are named for (and the not the roots you might be tripping over). Who knows – perhaps one of your fellow students will go on to be one of the United States most important political figures as well. Just goes to show what a liberal arts education can get you.

Elihu Root, 1845-1937

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Edmund A. LeFevre Professor of English

by Damon Weinberg '09
FEATURES WRITER

What he does on campus:

Professor O'Neill teaches a wide range of students at Hamilton, from first-years to seniors. The English courses he teaches vary from the studies of poetry and drama to prose fiction. He credits the relatively small size of the English department at Hamilton with giving him the ability to teach such a diverse array of courses and students. In addition to teaching, O'Neill has a research interest in the literature of Restoration England, 1660-1700. He is an editor of the journal *The Scriblerian* and is on the editorial board of the journal *Restoration*. Though it takes a great deal of time, being so involved in the work in his field is "a privilege," he says.

Classes he teaches:

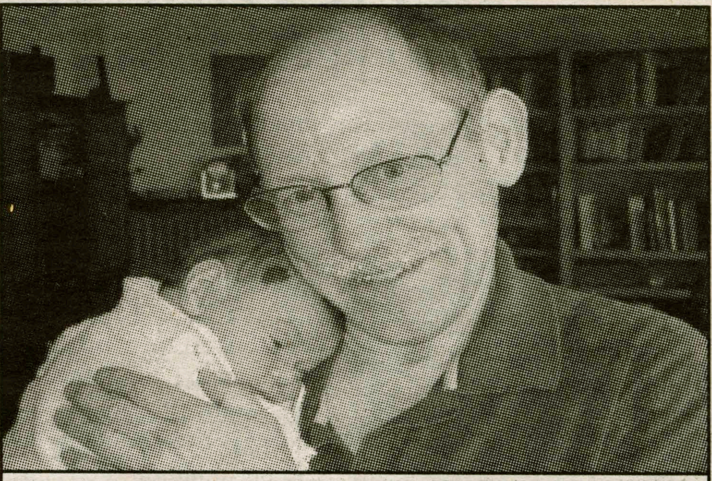
- English 150: Introduction to Literary Study
- English 331: Sex Comedy: English Drama, 1660-1800
- English 205: The Study of the Novel (spring semester)
- English 435 Seminar: Jane Austen: Text and Film (spring semester)
- First Year Forum

Life off campus:

Professor O'Neill's hobbies include photography, reading for fun as well as for work, and bicycling. He is a member of the on-campus Bicycle Co-op. O'Neill walks to work every day from his home. He lives with his wife Mary O'Neill, who is Academic Support Coordinator and Coordinator of the Quantitative Literacy Center here at Hamilton. They have two children: John, 35, and Amy, 33, and three grandchildren: John Haley O'Neill, who is 3 months old; James ("Jay") Houck, 9 months old; and Selma Houck, age 5 years.

How he found Hamilton:

Professor O'Neill, who completed his Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota, had never heard of Hamilton until he started looking for jobs. After beginning by sending out 250 letters of application to various potential employers, he narrowed his options to four schools, including Hamilton. A classmate in his graduate school had gone to Hamilton and recommended that O'Neill watch a film titled *The Sterile Cuckoo*, based on the book of the same title by Hamilton alumnus John Nichols, '62. The movie was filmed largely at Hamilton. The setting of the movie was so beautiful that O'Neill hesitated to believe it had been filmed on a real college campus, rather than a Hollywood set. O'Neill started teaching here in the fall of 1972 and says he made the right decision when he chose Hamilton. "What most attracted me," he says, " was the quality of students and the intensity of academic life. Both are still high, and both contribute a lot to my satisfaction with this job."



PROPERTY OF JOHN O'NEIL

Professor John O'Neill holds his grandson John Haley O'Neill at his son and daughter-in-law's apartment in San Francisco.

Changes on the Hill since 1972:

When O'Neill arrived at Hamilton in 1972 the college did not admit women. However, women at Kirkland College could cross-register for Hamilton courses and vice-versa. The result was that O'Neill had many fewer women than men as students, a situation very different from those at the co-educational public institutions O'Neill had attended. This stayed true for six more years until the two colleges merged in 1978. "The merger," O'Neill comments, "was a very good thing for Hamilton."

Another change was the drinking age in New York State, which was 18 when Professor O'Neill started teaching. "Drinking was a normal part of college life," he said. He recalled serving wine and cheese to students when they visited him at home. However, the age was raised to 21 in the 1980s in response to a new federal law. O'Neill calls this "one of the worst changes at Hamilton." He believes that the change does not prevent underage drinking, but simply makes drinking under 21 illegal and prevents education regarding responsible drinking. O'Neill said that before the increase in the drinking age, students "learned how to drink responsibly as adults."

Advice for students:

"Get to know at least one faculty member personally each semester," Professor O'Neill recommends. He advises students to go to professors' office hours not only when they need help, but also to discuss the material further and extend what has been taught in class. "Your teacher will remember you," he says. Then in the student's senior year, 6-8 professors who know the student will be available to help out and even write recommendations.

Do *you* know what's happening on the Hill?

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Beyond Keystone: brewing techniques

by Jesse Gaylord '06
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FEATURES WRITERS

This column hopes to open your mind beyond the world of Keystone Light. A world full of the splendid unity of hops, barley, malts and yeast. A world of quenched palates, elevated moods and the camaraderie of enjoying a fine brew. This is the world *Beyond Keystone*.

We plan to take you on a journey to a place full of pilsners, lagers, ales, porters and stouts. Where the beer flows like wine and the women flock like the salmon of Capistrano. While these terms may seem alien to you, this column is as much a discourse on fine beers as it is educational. Today's article will include some working definitions to get you started, while upcoming articles will serve to educate you on a number of beer related topics. Future articles will include beer reviews by the authors and guest testers, analysis of the brewing process, good local establishments for purchasing your brew of choice and much more.

In order to appreciate our column and sound knowledgeable in front of your friends, we need to start with some working definitions of beer traits and styles.

Mouthfeel- A term generally referring to the body or texture of the beer (viscosity). Mouthfeel is a quality independent of taste and is influenced by such content as CO_2 content as well as other ingredients.

Head- The formal name for the foam created when beer is poured into a glass. An ideal head is ¾ of an inch.

Legs- A characteristic referring to the vertical liquid trailings left on a glass when the beer recedes along its sides. A good beer will leave delicate legs on the glass.

> **"The man that isn't jolly after drinking, is just a driveling idiot, to my thinking."**
> ***- Euripides***

Finish- Good beers often have complex and dynamic flavors. The term finish refers to the last flavor left in your mouth by the beer.

Hops- An invaluable vegetative ingredient that provides bitterness and aroma to the beer. This is one of the four essential ingredients when brewing beer.

Malts- A dried germinated barley that gives beer a sweet flavor.

Yeast- The living organism which enables fermentation, the process by which alcohol is formed.

Lager- A type of beer, traditionally pale, produced by bottom-fermenting yeast and produced in a relatively slow process, which includes lengthy cold storage "lagering." Lagers generally have a medium mouthfeel and a pale-amber to light gold coloring. A distinguishing feature of this style is its low hop content which results in a less bitter finish. Examples of this style are Saranac Lager, Labatt Blue and Budweiser.

Pilsner- A subsidiary of the lager style under which most high school and college beers such as Keystone fall. Unfortunately, this style often gets a bad rep ,although fine examples exist such as Pilsner Urquell and Casco Bay Pilsner.

Ale- Our favorite type of beer, and there are many fine ale styles. The style includes American pale ales, India pale ales, English pale ales, copper ales and Hefe-Weizens. Each style is marked by a varying degree of hoppiness and maltiness. Since the term ale covers so many styles, it is difficult to define a particular mouthfeel, although ales generally tend to have high hop content. Some examples are Sierra Nevada Pale Ale, Pete's Wicked Ale, Long Trial Double Bag, Fat Tire ale, Magic Hat Blind Faith as well as an endless list of fine micro-brews.

Stout- A beer characterized by its high hop content and burnt malt taste; these beers are dark in color and possess an edible mouthfeel. These beers are not for the faint of heart. Perhaps the most prolific example of this style is Guiness.

Although this week's column may not excite you, these terms are essential when developing your appreciation and palate for fine beers. Your homework for next week is to go out and enjoy a beer you have never tasted before. Suggested brews found at Tops and Nice 'n Easy are: Magic Hat #9, Sierra Nevada Pale Ale, Pete's Wicked Ale and Saranac's Trail Mix. Although this list is quite incomplete, so is the selection at these two establishments. The more adventurous consumers among you may choose to make the trip to Kraig's Kegs on Route 5 in Vernon.

And this weekend, please remember, friends don't let friends pass Stones.

Where to eat: The Pizza Place

by Sam Gitlitz '08
FEATURES WRITER

The Pizza Place is the newcomer to the Clinton pizza scene. Located behind the Nice 'N Easy, The Pizza Place inhabits an industrial space right next to a tile factory. The interior of the restaurant is very Spartan. The main focus is clearly the kitchen, which is open and all of the staff's activities are visible to the public. There are only a couple of tables and chairs, and the two soda refrigerators. Luckily, for those of us who want to do something besides eat our pizza; The Pizza Place provides a back room with a pool table, foosball, and multiple arcade games.

They aren't trying to win any awards for innovation with their menu, simply offering plain good food. Besides providing some of the best Pizza around (remember that place you eat at until halfway through last semester? It's just like that), The Pizza Place has wings, pasta, and the monster 24 inch pie. The one drawback I found with the menu is that they only carry Pepsi products, as if it wasn't already hard enough to find coke at Hamilton.

I had both the cheese pizza and the mild wings. The pizza was great; the crust was crispy and chewy. It had the right balance of cheese and sauce, though it did not taste like the sauce was homemade. The tomato sauce was reminiscent of Prego, but one could tell it was purchased in mass quantities. The wings on the other hand weren't anything to write home about. They were good, but they were a little greasy for both me and my companion. I must write in their defense I got mild, where I should have gotten medium. Mild was full of flavor, but there was no heat at all.

All in all, The Pizza Place was a good time with good food, which is all that most of us are looking for in somewhere quick to grab a slice. There are a couple of important features the Pizza Place has worth mentioning. The first is their combos, you can get a large pizza and 20 wings for under twenty bucks, for a few more dollars you get 50 wings or the LP50 as its known.

The most important feature for up here is that they are open late and deliver. Their open until midnight on the weekdays and 2a.m. on weekends. This means for those of you in Bundy you can get food without having to walk up the hill. They're one problem is that if they don't having anything going on, service can be a little slow. So don't expect to pick up a LP50 and get out of there in 10 minutes unless you call ahead. So for their service, price, and food quality I give them four out of five stars.

The Making of a Barn Party

by Whitney Kimmel '08
FEATURES EDITOR

Theta Delta Chi (TDX) threw the first off-campus party of the year at Jack's Barn last Thursday evening. Quite possibly one of the biggest draws for upperclassmen and freshman alike, barn parties are notorious for being riotously fun.

The work behind off-campus parties is often overlooked. Rob Rosenweig '07, president of TDX and the main coordinator for last week's party, commented that planning for the party, "began at the beginning of August." Before doing anything else, he checked to make sure the barn was available. Buses, tickets, music and drinks must all be secured before informing Lisa Magnarelli '96, Student Activities Coordinator, that there will be an off-campus party so that she can ensure that the appropriate security measures are taken.

Finding a place to host such parties is the biggest challenge societies face when planning off-campus events. "A lot of bars and local sites don't want to throw parties with Hamilton students. Throughout the years, for whatever reasons, some places just aren't up for it," Rosenweig stated. In this case, the owner of the Village Tavern, Jack Bushman, supplied both the social space as well as the alcohol.

One of the biggest attractions of a barn party is the band. ANC plays a mix of reggae/rock music and has played at small clubs in New York as well as several colleges in the area. Rosenweig had the advantage of growing up with the members of the band and had no trouble arranging their performance for their party.

When the night of the party arrived the members of TDX "went in a couple of hours early to make sure everything was good -- ready to go -- and that [the band's] equipment was there," Garret Reeb '08 TDX's Social Chair noted.

Both boys agreed that the party was a success. They explained that, although planning such a large-scale event this early in the year is a lot of work, it ultimately pays off. "After the first week of classes, this is a good opportunity to relax and see people you haven't seen yet," Rosenweig said.

This being the first off-campus party of the year, it also gave Freshman a chance to see what Hamilton's party scene is really like. Reeb stated, "Off campus parties are usually more successful. In terms of setting up, parties in the Annex are better, but you draw a bigger crowd to outside events."

There is a certain level of novelty associated with barn parties and the idea of getting off campus is a refreshing idea to many students (especially those without cars or students who are too busy to venture into town during the week).

TDX plans on hosting many more parties this year, including a formal event and possibly a Bundy party. Although the themes and dates aren't set yet, they promised future events would be equally as exciting.

PHOTO BY GINA EGBERT '08

ANC plays at the TDX Barn Party

Weekly Events: Where you want to be

Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.
Campus Life Open House (12:00-4:00) Daily Prayer (12:00-12:30) Lunch Time Bible Study (12:00-12:50) Phi Beta Kappa Lecture (4:00-6:00) Dept. of Music Fall Faculty Concert (8:00-9:00)	M. Golf, AWAY Colgate Invitational (9:00) M. Cross Cntry. v. Union HOME (12:00) M. Soccer v. Rochester IT HOME (1:00) "Love's Labor's Lost" (4:00-5:00)	Newman Mass (12:00-1:00) Finess Step Team Tryouts (1:00-3:00) September 11th Observation (4:00-4:30) "Love's Labor's Lost" (4:00-5:00)	Daily Prayer (12:00-12:30) President Stewart's Open Hour (1:30-2:30) Cheerleading Tryouts (7:00) HOC Open Hours (7:00-9:00) HEAG Meeting (9:15-10:15)	Daily Prayer (12:00-12:30) Newman Mass (12:00-1:00 CACC Meeting (3:00-4:00) M. Soccer v. Nazarath HOME (4:00) IM Water Polo (4:00-6:00) W. Volleyball v. Williams HOME (4:00) Sitting Group Meditation (7:00-8:00)	Daily Prayer (12:00-12:30) Faculty/Staff Bible Study (12:15-1:15) W. Soccer v. Rochester IT HOME (4:00) W. Tennis v. Union HOME (4:00) Senior Job Search: Communications (4:15-5:15) CAB Meeting (7:00-8:00) Jazz Kick-Off (9:00-10:00)	Daily Prayer (12:00-12:30) Newman Mass (12:00-1:00) IM Water Polo (4:00-6:00) Gospel Choir Rehersal (7:00-8:00) HOC Open Hours (7:00-9:00)
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Murderball: a documentary film so inspiring, you'll wish you could play quadriplegic rugby

By Katherine A. Jurras '06
Arts & Entertainment Editor

In the style of sports films, Murderball is not just about the game, but about the personal lives of the athletes. In the case of this documentary film, the athletes are quadriplegics who play wheelchair rugby. The sport, which started in Canada, was originally called murderball, but the name was changed to quad rugby in order to sound more like a sport and less like a death wish... and to attract sponsors.

The film follows several men from the United States and Canadian national quad rugby teams. A major source of conflict in Murderball revolves around Joe Soares, a long-standing member of the U.S. team who is cut from the ten year undefeated team and seeks his revenge by becoming the head coach for Canada. Soares was paralyzed by childhood polio and dragged himself around for years before his poor immigrant family could afford to buy him a wheelchair-but it is clear from the first time he appears on screen that nothing, not even paralysis, will stop him from getting what he wants. An all-American on the U.S. team for several years, the highly competitive Soares sports a trophy wall the size of Canada.

Although most people picture paraplegics to be like Christopher Reeves, retaining no mobility at all after their spinal cord injury, in fact most paraplegics do retain a certain amount of limited motion in their limbs. Their level of disability is ranked from 0.5 to 3.5, and a rugby team is allowed to have 8 points on a court at any given time.

When playing, the athletes are strapped into reinforced aluminum wheelchairs, and the helpful referees will set them back up if they are knocked over in a game. So far, no one has sustained further injuries by playing quad rugby, and in fact, the sport sounds more violent than it looks when you see it played. Like able-bodied rugby, quad rugby is a full-contact sport-knocking over your opponent's wheelchair is a strategy.

In addition to following the competition, as the teams meet in Sweden, and later at the Paralympics in Athens, we learn of the personal struggles of the athletes-as men and as quadriplegics.

For example, Mark Zupan, one of the best quad rugby players today, was thrown from the back of his friend's truck in high school and lay hanging from a tree branch in a ditch for 13 hours until someone heard his call for help.

Roger Ebert, courtesy of a Chicago Sun Times interview, reports that when asked if he would take back the accident, he responded, "No, I don't think so. My injury has led me to opportunities and experiences and friendships I would never have had before. And it has taught me about myself." He adds, "In some ways, it's the best thing that ever happened to me."

The movie also follows a young man named Keith Cavill, who has recently become paralyzed in a motorcross accident and is dealing with the extremely difficult transition of adapting to his life (and being in a wheelchair) after 10 months in physical therapy. Upon arriving home, he thanks his family for making the house wheelchair accessible, but states, "this sucks." The encouragement of wheelchair athletes like Zupan proves to be the most helpful thing for Cavill, who gets an opportunity to try out Zupan's Rugby chair and can hardly be removed from it when it's time for him to leave.

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***Murderball* follows several athletes who compete in quadriplegic rugby.**

Although we may not be able to relate to the specific disabilities of the athletes on screen, the movie provides insight into the human condition. It is hard not to get emotional when the athletes' girlfriends climb onto their chairs to kiss them after a difficult game, or to smile as recently injured paraplegics watch an awkward video that teaches how to be sexually active in a wheelchair. We see the men driving cars and meeting girls and drinking beer and making fun of the stupid things that people ask. Although, the athletes agree they wish more people would ask them questions about their wheelchairs. When a group of children comes to meet the athletes, a curious boy asks limbless Bob Lujiano how he eats pizza with his elbows, and Lujiano demonstrates how he can pick things up, responding, "No arms, no legs, no problem."

By the end of the movie, you don't see these men as simply paraplegics, but as fascinating people and extremely talented athletes. The R-rated documentary, is playing for one last showing at the Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute in Utica tonight at 7:30 p.m.

The Christian Johnson art gallery displays art by George Silk and Georgiana Silk K'72

By Ashley Stagner '09
Arts & Entertainment Writer

I originally wasn't going to go to the gallery exhibit, I figured that it just wasn't for me, and that looking at photographs of strangers wasn't going to be all that exciting. I was lured there by the fact that there were going to be free posters, and as that the walls of my room were almost completely bare, I went. I made a direct line for the posters, and after I had picked out the ones that I wanted and was planning on leaving, I decided to actually take a look at the beautiful art work.

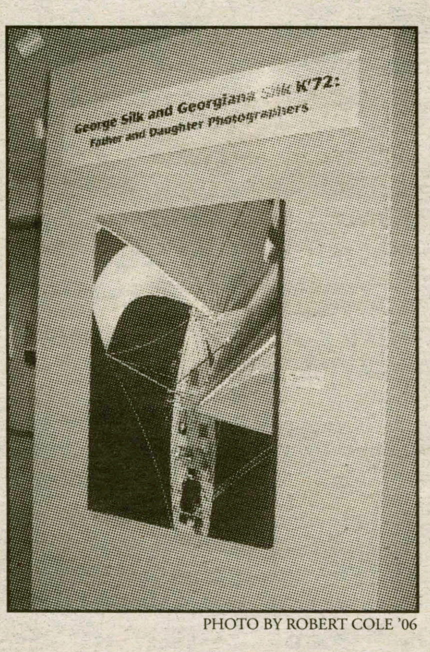
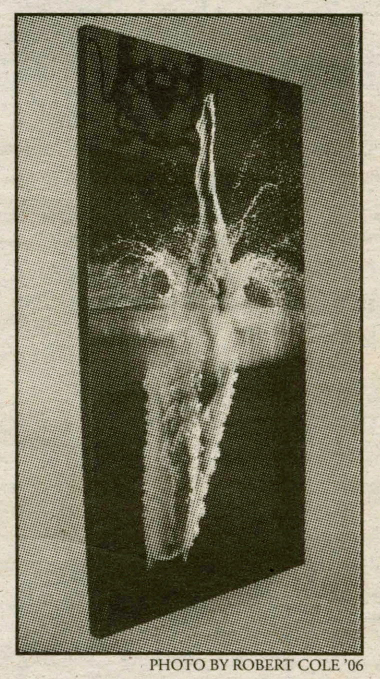


PHOTO BY ROBERT COLE '06

I am very glad I did, because the photographs taken by both George and Georgiana Silk are gorgeous. They are a father and daughter team, but they take completely different types of photos. George focuses more on sports, distortion, motion, and nature, while Georgiana works more with people in black and white, and landscapes.

I admit that I prefer George's photographs over his daughters'; I just really enjoyed seeing the action shots he managed to create. My favorite would have to be Surfer Nick Beck, Hawaii because it just has a totally amazing angle to it where you have a view of the surfer, part of the wave, the sky, and also of the landscape. The color of the water is a brilliant blue that seems surreal, and matches the color of sky so that they seem to blend together. Also, just the expression of the surfer's face is truly impressive; he looks completely focused and determined.

Another one of my favorites would have to be the photo Perfect Entry; Katy Flicker, Dillon Gym Pool Princeton University. This is a rather large full length shot of a dive that is shown above and below the surface of the water. It is done completely in black and white, which is probably one of the reasons why it is so stunning. From the bottom there is just the impact of the waves up to the top where there is the splash, and in that area it is possible to discern her legs. This at first seemed comical to me, but the more I looked at it, the more impressed I was with both George and Katy Flicker.



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Georgiana's photographs are typically more of a close up, and are almost all in black and white. One of her photos that really struck me would have to be Sweet 16; it is what it sounds like, a girl celebrating her sixteenth birthday, and is a close up of the girl blowing out the candles on her cake. Those candles are the only thing illuminating her face, so the combination of light and shadow on her face is the main focus. It is a unique perspective that is really brilliant.

So, come one, come all to the George Silk and Georgiana Silk K'72: Father and Daughter Photographers display at the Emerson Gallery. Forewarning, this display is only on till Sunday, so go now!

Dogfight's actors make it a winning war movie

By Leighton Smith '09
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One of the great film genres is war. The Vietnam War, in particular, has been the basis for some of the greatest movies ever made, such as *Platoon*, *Full Metal Jacket*, *Apocalypse Now* and many others. The scope of these movies tends to focus mainly on the action in Vietnam, with the exception of *Full Metal Jacket* in which roughly half of the movie is dedicated to basic training in the United States. There is, however, another aspect of war that very few movies cover: the night before shipping out. While the possibilities for such a movie are certainly not numerous, and such a story would inevitably lead into explicit subject matter, the movie *Dogfight* succeeds and establishes itself as one of the great Vietnam era films.

The title of the movie refers to a ritual performed by marines destined for deployment. Said ritual entails finding a date to bring to a dance, where she will be judged based on her appearance. The "winner" of the contest is the girl or woman who is found to be the ugliest, while other deformities - such as missing teeth - could make a girl who is not necessarily the ugliest the winner.

With such a sensitive topic as this, Nancy Savoka, the director of the film, quickly taps into our emotions. Not surprisingly, comic relief plays a very important role in *Dogfight*. Leading up to the dance, we are treated with seeing the four marines the movie focuses on attempt to find dates. It is gut-wrenching stuff watching them scour San Francisco for the homeliest women they can find, but their methods of coercing the suspicious prospects are truly funny.

Most of the movie centers on marine Eddie Birdlace, played by River Phoenix, and the girl who he is attempting to take to the dogfight, Rose Fenny, played by Lily Taylor. We can see that Birdlace is torn between being the macho marine and the innocent 18-year old that he is. Phoenix's portrayal is simply inspired, and the myriad situations he finds himself in with Rose are excellent if for no other reason than his acting. Taylor more than holds her own, making for some excellent exchanges between the two characters throughout the movie's plot.

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River Phoenix and Lili Taylor star in 1991's war film, *Dogfight*.

In one of the movie's most memorable scenes, we find Eddie alone with Rose up in her bedroom. The dogfight has come and gone, and the two have been through a lot, especially when you consider that their relationship has spanned only one day. There is an obvious expectation of what is to follow, yet before they commence sleeping together, Rose asks Eddie if he would be interested in playing a game of musical bingo. She goes so far as to get the game out before he tells her that he doesn't want to play.

The next day he leaves, promising to stay in touch with her. What follows is a very brief sequence in Vietnam, in which we find the four marines together. There is an explosion and some of them are obviously wounded. This is the only part of the movie that actually takes place in Vietnam.

In the next scene we are back in San Francisco. We see Birdlace, limping and clearly changed from the fighting, walking down a familiar street. His uniform gives away that he was in Vietnam, and he is not well received by all. One man makes a comment to him about killing babies, to which he does not respond. He walks into a bar where there are several older men, presumably veterans from either World War II or the Korean War. After learning that he was over in Vietnam, they buy Birdlace a drink. Birdlace says to them, "Thank you." Their only response to him is, "No, thank you."

The last scene of the movie contains no dialogue. In it, Birdlace enters the restaurant where Rose is working. The two embrace, and after a time the film ends.

One of the nice things about Dogfight is its apparent neutrality with regard to the Vietnam War. It tells its story and lets the viewer take from it what he or she wants. It shows us varying views concerning the War and how opinions changed over time. This style of storytelling is clearly not for everyone, as the movie leaves us with unanswered questions and an open-ended conclusion.

Dogfight is a film that relies heavily on the acting of its main characters and less on action like other war movies. Thankfully, actors deliver and make the movie what it is: a thoughtful study of young adults in Vietnam era America. Casting Phoenix was perhaps an eerie choice, as he in real life died at the young age of 23. Despite his early death, Phoenix's body of work is impressive, as he delivered many brilliant performances in such movies as *Stand by Me*, *My Own Private Idaho*, and *Running on Empty*, which earned him an Academy Award nomination for Best Supporting Actor at the age of 17. *Dogfight* is another of his crowning achievements, which will ensure that his legacy lives on through his movies for a long time to come.

The Matches's debut album, "E. Von Dahl Killed the Locals," will light you on fire

By Nicole Dietsche '09
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The Matches, a four piece punk band out of Oakland, California, consisting of Shawn Harris (Vocals, Guitar), Jon Devoto (Vocals, Guitar), Justin San Souci (Vocals, Bass), and Matt Whalen (Drums), sound like a mix of Green Day, Rancid, Elvis Costello and the Foo Fighters, all rolled into one energetic blaze of punk rock glory.

Since the 2004 release of their debut album, "E. Von Dahl Killed the Locals", in May 2004 on Epitaph Records, The Matches have been making a name for themselves, particularly with their singles, "Chain Me Free," "Dog Eared Page," and "Sick Little Suicide." "E. Von Dahl", which was five years in the making, is as polished as punk rock can be and has sold twenty thousand copies so far (not including downloads, whether illegal or not).

With songs in their signature sound (you have to hear it to explain it) about falling in love with punk rock girls, sneaking out to go to shows and being restless in general, their music is driven by careening guitar riffs; heavily strong bass lines; catchy lyrics and witty hooks. It is hard to not sing along, even if you do not know the words.

Lines like, "I'm just a dog-eared page you turn back to/ Where's the place for me/ When we're both in love with you?" and "Ditched her boyfriends/ Cuz I was better," leave you singing the words in your head for hours (which is a dangerous thing to do if you are prone to participating in a little gratuitous head-banging to the music that is playing in your head. Or is that just me?).

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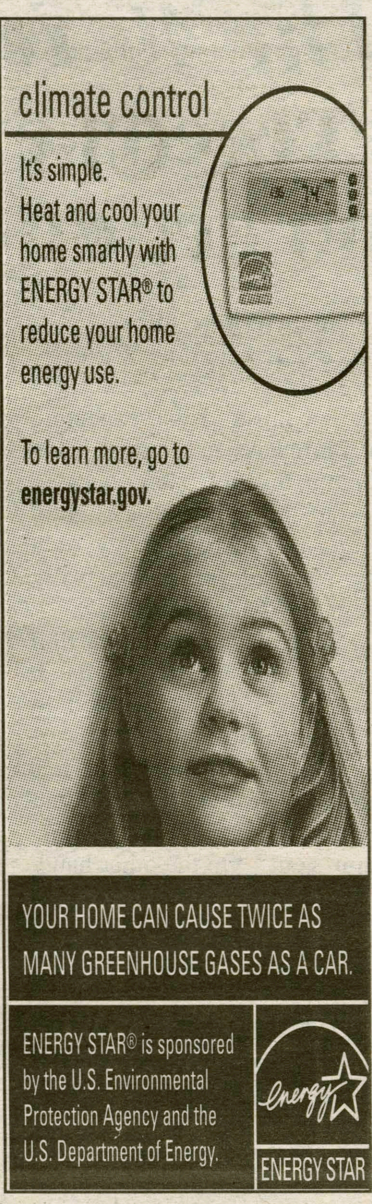
The Matches, a California punk band, have seen success since their album release.

Nicole the Music General's Warning: If you like high energy music that keeps you moving, The Matches are great to listen to; also recommended for working out or drowning out other distractions while trying to pump out a paper that you just started and is due in less than an hour.

Having wrapped up a previous tour schedule which included basement shows, small and large venues, as well as Japan, Europe, Hawaii, Canada, Bosnia, and across the U.S. with Warped Tour, The Matches are going back on tour and are looking to play college venues (wink, wink, nudge, nudge, let's get them to Hamilton!)

Other really good bands on Epitaph Records that are recommended listening (look for reviews of some of these bands later on, because I must say, they are really good: From First to Last, Motion City Soundtrack, Matchbook Romance, Millencolin, Horrorpops, Dropkick Murphys, Roger Miret and the Disasters, The Unseen, The Coup, and The Offspring.

Remember kids, if we want to get the Matches to come to Hamilton, speak to the college booker and we can have an evening of some high-intensity punk.



The Independent Music Fund brings Out Hud and two openers for a night of music in the Annex

By Tom Lewek '09
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Last Friday night, the Annex was transformed into a massive dance party: electronic beats swirling in the air, speakers pumping and bodies in constant motion. This scene was derived from the Independent Music Fund's first concert of the year featuring Out Hud, Supersystem, and Bling Kong on Friday, September 2nd.

The evening of "indie electronica" began later than expected due to some technical difficulties. In fact, the show, scheduled for 8, did not begin until around 10.

First on the bill were openers Bling Kong-an absurd novelty band and proud of it. Comprised of four drummers and three cheerleaders, the band's lyrics dealt exclusively with sex, sexual situations, sex and sex. Not surprisingly, the band's originality wore out after the first song.

When you first lay eyes upon Bling Kong, you laugh silently to yourself, and then after they play you realize that they are a joke and should not-and cannot-be taken seriously. Bling Kong's saving grace was the solid dance-rock beats that radiated through the crowd. Overall, the purpose of Bling Kong's performance was to dance; the band's lack of substance was to be taken with a large grain of salt.

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Out Hud performed in the Annex last Friday, with Bling Kong and Supersystem.

Supersystem was next on the schedule, and they continued the dance rock theme with weightier electronic beats. Despite problems with the PA, Supersystem put on a very good show. With lyrics more substantive than those of Bling Kong, they injected some gravitas to the event.

During this period, the Annex began to fill and fill with more Hamilton students. In fact, an estimated 270 Hamilton College students attended the show, an impressive number for an IMF event, according to the organization's coordinator Danny Klag '06.

As the night progressed, headliners Out Hud finally reached the stage. Out Hud was formed in the California Bay Area but recently moved to New York where they have built a small word of mouth following due to the band's boisterous and highly entertaining shows. The group is comprised of a bassist, a guitarist, a cellist, and a drum machine dubbed "Phyllis."

The most entertaining member of the band was mixing board operator Justin Vandervolgen, who is also a member of !!! (also known as "chik chik chik"). In a ridiculous pair of short blue athletic shorts and Italian leather loafers, Vandervolgen not only created the dance beats but also was the lead dancer. He even ventured out into the crowd to join his fellow dancers.

Meanwhile, the audience was drawn into an undercurrent of solid dance rock beats. Out Hud was clearly the best act; the band's marathon indie electronic songs provided the concertgoers with ample inspiration to dance.

Klag was extremely pleased with the outcome of the concert, commenting, "Despite the show starting two hours late, and the PA being on the fritz, all the bands played really well."

Klag also expressed his astonishment at the number of Hamilton students attending the show, saying that such numbers are unheard of for IMF events.

In the upcoming weeks and months the IMF will be organizing trips to local shows and will also hold another show October 8th.

The 40 Year-Old Virgin exceeds expectations: this is no crude gross-out comedy

By Noah Wright '08
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For those of you expecting my normal Asian Movie Review column, fear not. I have decided to start the year with a slightly longer-than-usual review of a film some of you may actually see, *The 40-Year-Old Virgin*.

My expectations for the film were mixed. On the one hand, the entire premise seemed to be identical to that of a story I wrote when I was thirteen, "He's too old to be a virgin! Isn't that funny? Well? Isn't it?! Laugh, damn you!" On the other hand, it starred Steve Carell, a former Daily Show correspondent, and was directed by the guy who did *Anchorman*.

The story revolves around a forty-year-old man, played by Carell, who lives by himself (along with his collection of action figures and videogames) and has never quite gotten around to "doing the deed."

One night, while playing cards with a group of three co-workers, their discussion turns to past sexual forays, and our plucky hero is asked about his experiences with the ladies.

It quickly becomes apparent that he's lying when he says:

"And, um, y'know, when you, uh, hold a woman's breast? And it feels like a bag of sand?" (For those of you who have never had the luxury of holding a woman's breast, it does not feel like a bag of sand. At all.) After hearing this, the three co-workers, in typical sex-comedy fashion, vow to get him some action.

As the story progresses, we learn that virginity doesn't make our protagonist that unusual, the three non-virgin co-workers being just as immature, clueless, and insecure as our action figure-loving hero.

One stalks his former girlfriend, the other cheats compulsively, and the third likes to compare sex to growing marijuana.

Finally, the woman whom the protagonist takes a real romantic interest in turns out to be just as insecure about relationships as the virgin.

But was the movie any good? Yes. And that's a wholehearted and definitive yes, not a mamby-pamby "sorta" yes. A better-than-Anchorman yes. Not a perfect-yes. The movie had flaws, among them a frustratingly cliché ending, fortunately made up for by a completely random, side-splittingly funny epilogue.

The fact that the characters in the film were actual characters rather than vehicles for jokes surprised me. The fact that the movie had genuine warmth and humor and didn't rely excessively on crude or gross-out comedy surprised me greatly.

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Science clubs getting ready for upcoming year

by Allison Demas '07
Science & Technology Writer

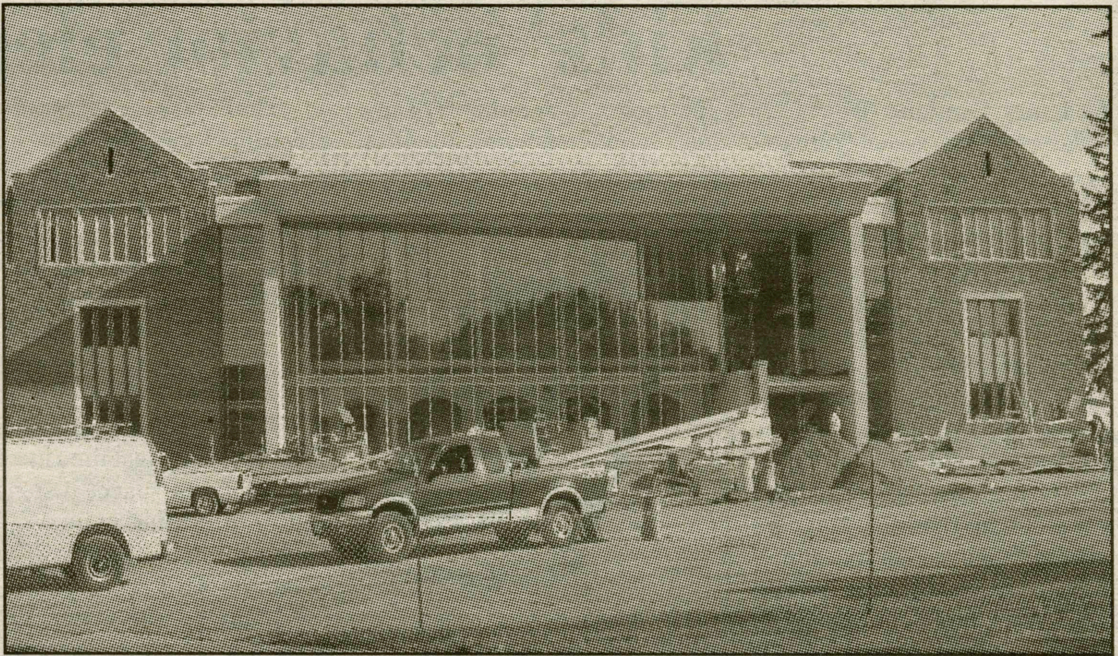
Spend a few minutes inside the almost complete science center here at Hamilton College, and you realize what every science major already knows: the sciences are a major force at this liberal arts institution. With a building designed to foster collaboration between scientific disciplines and community among students and faculty, it seems only natural that two student science organizations have developed. Biology Matters and the Association for Women in Science (AWIS), both under the advisory of Professor Jinnie Garrett, begin their second years on campus this fall.

Biology Matters was created last year to allow students interested in biology to pursue academic and social activities. The group wants to strengthen student and faculty relationships within the department, and promote science educational opportunities through speakers and events. Garrett says, "The department is really excited by the initiative shown by the students in Biology Matters. It is great to work with them outside the classroom on projects of mutual interest and show, to a wide audience, that biology does matter." Last year, the group sponsored science seminars and a faculty-led career discussion for science majors. Their most popular event was a holiday party before winter break. Students and faculty gathered at Garrett's house for dinner and the opportunity to socialize outside of the classroom. Other social events included an end of the year picnic for all those involved in the department. This year, the group is organizing a stem cell research panel as part of the Science Center opening celebration on Fallcoming Weekend. Other planned events include a trip to the IMAX theatre in Syracuse and science enrichment workshops for talented children from schools in Clinton and Utica.

The Association for Women in Science is a local chapter of a national organization "dedicated to achieving equity and full participation for women in science, mathematics, engineering, and technology" (http://www.awis.org). To this end, the Hamilton College chapter is trying to develop ties between women involved in all science departments, and promote the participation of women in science and math opportunities available on campus, and after college. This year, AWIS once again plans to organize a dinner for all current and prospective female science and math majors. Last year's event was a great opportunity to meet new people, and share interests and science-related experiences. Also in the works is a trip to the Albany Medical School to observe surgeries and possibly sit in on classes. In the spring, AWIS is planning to work with HAVOC to organize a Science Fair for local children, and they will also be collaborating with Biology Matters to organize science workshops for children from local schools.

If you are interested in getting involved, Biology Matters will be meeting Monday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the biology seminar room, and AWIS has weekly meetings Monday nights at 9:00 p.m. in the Beinecke Fireplace.

Almost there!



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The expected date for the certificate of occupancy for the new Science Center is September 15. Final work is being done in the South end of the building in the atrium, stairways and ground floor. Department movings will occur between September 14th and 22nd, and classrooms will become available on a one-by-one

New Orleans, Gulf states face public health crises in aftermath of Hurricane Katrina

by Laura Trubiano '07
Science & Technology Editor

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans and other badly hit areas are facing potential major public health disasters. Contaminated floodwater, mosquitoes, animals and infectious disease pose extreme threats of disease that these flooded areas are not able to handle. A mobile emergency hospital has been set up in a flooded supermarket parking lot in Mississippi and has been treating hundreds of cases of dehydration and infected wounds, as well as handling survivors with chronic illnesses and pregnant women, several of whom were in labor.

The most immediate threat is the floodwater that reaches rooftops in some areas. In New Orleans, test results showed floodwater contained levels of sewage-related bacteria that are at least 10 times higher than acceptable safety limits as well as elevated levels of lead, according to a boston.com article. Three people have died from bacterial infections in Gulf States since Katrina hit. In addition to *E.* coli infections, people with scratches and cuts risk tetanus. City officials have said that everyone who has not yet evacuated the city must leave. "This water is not going away anytime soon," said Dr. Julie Gerberding, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director.

As people crowd into makeshift shelters like the Superdome, they are at a high risk for contracting infectious diseases like hepatitis A as well as *E. coli* infections. While so far there have been no serious outbreaks, there have been some reports of gastrointestinal illness, and officials are taking as many preventative measures as possible. "You are never over the hump as long as they are living in a very crowded living setting," said David Persse, who oversees medical issues for Houston, where more evacuees have been accommodated than any other city. "As long as we continue to have that, we are going to continue to be at risk."

Ninety degree temperatures and the stress of the situation have contributed to dehydration, heart attacks and other emergencies. With high temperatures and water comes mosquitoes, and some health officials feared the possibility of West Nile, malaria, or typhoid; however, none of these illnesses have occurred and many officials now say it is unlikely because those diseases never existed in the area. Many people have suffered animal bites, as many wild and domestic animals have displaced or abandoned. "Doctors have treated lots of bites," said Robert Tosatto, director of the US Medical Reserve Corps, in a Newscientist.com article, "some from snakes, some from who knows what animals."

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has placed all units of its Natioanl Disaster Medical System on alert and has mobilized many of them. The system consists of 8,000 medical and support personnel from federal, state, and local governemnts. The military is also sending medical help; the Navy hospital ship USNS Comfort is expected to reach the region within a week, and four ships are being loaded with food, soap and medical supplies.

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Floodwaters in New Orleans contain ten times the safe limit of sewage-related bacteria

In addition to the physical threats, experts say the hurricane-hit communities still have to deal with the psychological effects. In general, 30 % of those exposed to severe trauma (defined as being at risk of losing their lives, seeing a person close to them lose their life or seeing dead bodies) are expected to develop an anxiety disorder such as post-traumatic stress syndrome.

It is expected that hospitals and makeshift health centers will only get busier in the weeks to come; as floodwaters recede, more people will be able to make it to these places. "Traditionally, cases will double within a week or two after disasters," said Dr. Joseph Guarisco, chairman of the Department of Emergency Medicine at the Ochsner Clinic Foundation in New Orleans, in a cnn.com article, "We haven't seen a lot of the specific hurricane related problems yet, which are going to be trauma, lacerations, that sort of thing. [After that] will be all the citizens coming back into the city and putting things back together and cutting off fingers, electrocuting themselves, slips and falls—there will be those types of injuries as people try to put lives back together."

Motorola is watching you: Parents tracking kids' behavior electronically

by Laura Trubiano '07
Science & Technology Editor

What would you think if your parents could track exactly where you were on Saturday at 2 a.m.? Or could track whether or not you went to class? Or how fast you drive, and how far? Increasingly, parents are using high-tech methods to track their children's activities, down to things like what they eat at lunch, reports a cnn.com article. It may seem like something parents of high school students would do, but surveys have shown college parents use these methods as well.

"Here's the story," said Ted Schmidt, a father of four who began tracking his children a year ago, in the cnn.com article, "24/7, I can tell where your phone is, what speed it's going...So (even) days later, I can look and see that 'Oh my gosh, you were going 80 miles and hour on the Interstate at 2 o'clock in the morning."

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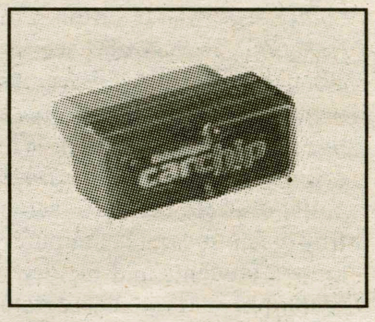
Welcome to 1984: The Motorola Wherifone uses a Global Positioning System to track the exact location of the phone.

There are several small electronic gadgets that help parents keep an eye on their children, even from hundreds of miles away. Often, it is a simple cell phone that transmits the location of the phone by e-mail or text message. The Motorola Wherifone is a specialized locator phone that uses the Global Positioning System. The CarChip is installed in a car and monitors speed, distance, and even driving habits—yes, your parents will know if you brake too hard.

Many people would agree that it is a good thing for parents to know where their children are. However, where does it stop being a safety issue and become an attempt to control kids' day to day lives? Mealpay.com, based in Georgia, began as a way for parents to electronically prepay for school lunches. Now, at the request of parents, it allows them to monitor what their kids order in the school cafeteria. Then there's "alerts" from Langtree SkillsCenter Ltd. Parents are notified by text message, email or phone whether their child has shown up for class.

Teen Arrive Alive is a company that works with Nextel wireless phones and a tracking service from uLocate Communications Inc. It now has subscribers in every state and is most popular in the South and the East. "Spying on kids is not the motive," says Teen Arrive Alive spokesman Jack Church, who lost a teenage son in a car crash, in the cnn.com article "To me, as a parent, this is peace of mind. It's saying, 'I want you to stay alive to see your graduation." Parenting experts have mixed feelings on these new tracking methods. "Parents have to strike some balance between knowing what their kids are up to without [the kid] feeling like they're having their every move controlled," said Christy Buchanen, a psychology professor at Wake Forest University.



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The CarChip is the size of two nine-volt batteries and moniters speed, distance, and even driving habits.

Meet the Geek of the Week!

by Lindsay Rubenstein '07
Science & Technology Writer

Geek of the Week is a column that honors a select group of only the most dedicated science geeks. It's about time we recognize them for their dedication to molecules, protein synthesis, the central nervous system, and of course, the speed of light. I am pleased to introduce you to this week's Geek!

Name: Matthew Palascak

Class Year: 2007

Concentration: Biochemistry

Why Matt deserves to be Geek of the Week: He spent the summer before his freshman year doing Chemistry Research on the Hill...it just doesn't get much better than that.

His favorite organic compound: Glucose – It comes with every meal!

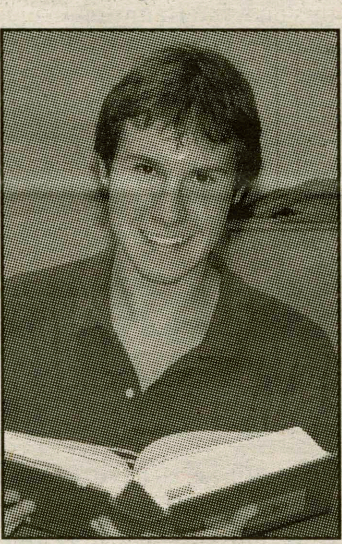
Why you love him: He's the smartest person you know.

Why you hate him: He's the smartest person you know.

Most often aksed: Can you come back to my room? I need your help with "physics."

What his friends think: "Matt's a chem-loving, computer-virus-fixing, man-on-a-mission type of guy. Matty just plain old blows my electrons away!" -Hilary Gamble

Where he'll be in 10 years: Publishing super-confusing articles about stuff no one else can understand...oh wait, he's already done that.



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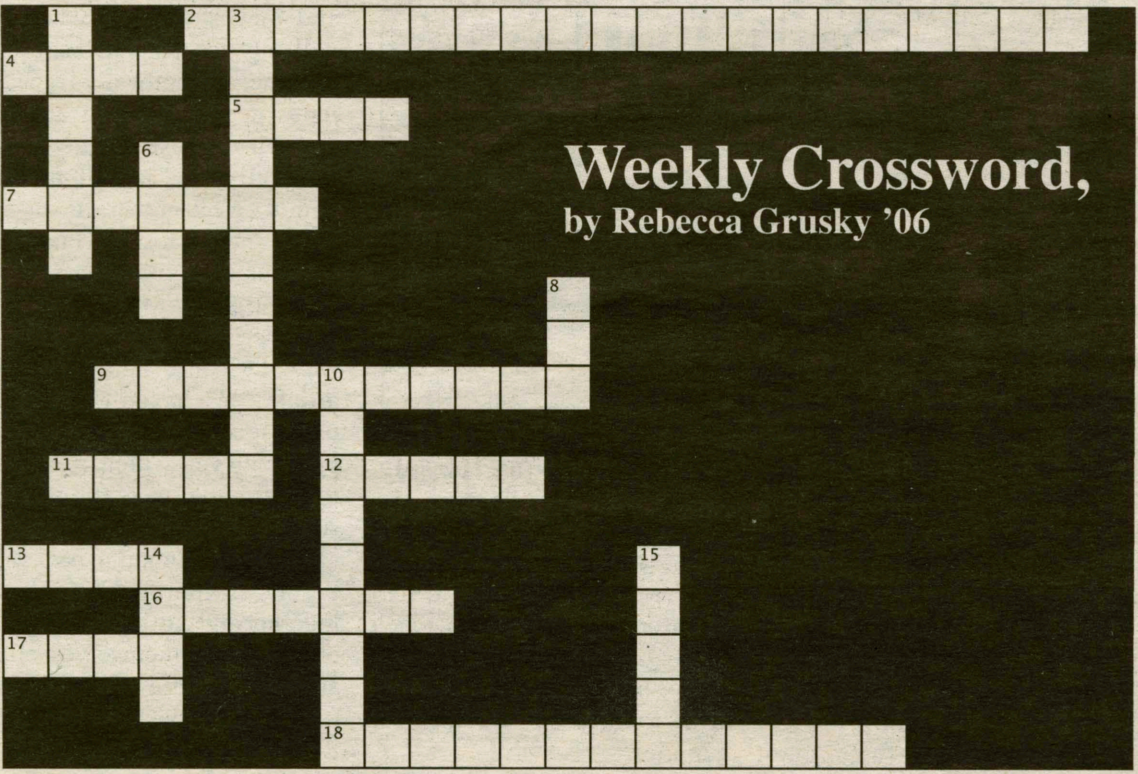
Matt Palascak '07, Geek of the Week...with his Physical Chemistry book. When he's not in the Science building, Matt can be found in the *Spectator* office, fixing everyone's mistakes.

Answers to last week's puzzle:

Across
1. Storage
4. Glen
6. Marquis
7. Insights
8. EMTs
10. Bundy
11. Class and charter
14. Sangertown Mall
15. Soper
16. Adair
19. Freshman fifteen
20. Jitney
22. Separation
24. Tops
25. Plagiarism
26. Frosh
27. Nancy
28. David
29. Todds

Down
2. Orientation
3. ITS
4. Green
5. Tavern
9. Keystone
12. Little Pub ID
13. KPD
17. Ferguson
18. Cafe Opus
21. Top Gun
23. NESCAC



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Across

2. New concentration
4. Free beverage at The Little Pub
5. Hamilton radio
7. Spectator office locale
9. Diner option
11. 2003 Sacerdote Great Names Speaker
12. Commons "bar'
13. Party host training
16. _______ Music
17. The Daily _________
18. Part of HEAG

Down

1. ________ Estate (residence0
3. Off-campus syudy locale in the U.S.
6. Oct. 1st Test
8. Graduation month
10. Level of professorship
14. Health Center freebie
15. Dept. wth 1/4 credit classes

Balance is key for men's XC

Combination of experience and young talent to fuel team

by Doug Paetzell '09
SPORTS WRITER

As the days get shorter and the air gets crisper, it's time for runners of the men's cross country team to stretch their legs, lace up their shoes and hit the trails. Last year, the Continentals finished the season strong and they hope to continue that success this fall.

"Last season, the team was strong in some respects with a few outstanding performances by each runner," said Captain Lucas Thornblade '07. "What the team lacked was consistency, and only a few times did the team members all have peak performances during the same race."

Early on last year, the Continentals also struggled with key injuries and inexperience. As the season progressed and the team recovered from its injuries, they showed they had great strength and endurance.

At the end of the year, Hamilton showed its power by finishing 15th in the NCAA Atlantic Region Championship, a meet that includes the most talented teams from all of New York and New Jersey.

One key face will be missing from this year's team: Chris Dunn. Dunn was Hamilton's fastest runner last year, claiming the MVP award and also holding the school record in the 800 meter run. In spite of the loss, Thornblade said that the Continentals "have replaced the one loss with four talented incoming freshmen who are ready for the challenge of increased mileage of competitive D-III distance running and are willing to take on the attitude need to be team players."

This fall, one word can be used to describe this cross country crew – balance. The Continentals cross country team, led by Captains Thornblade and Andrew Downey '06, boasts "an excellent mix of experience and young talent," explained Downey. The Hamilton team of 2005 is very talented and has more depth than in past years. The team expects to be able to run together as a pack more consistently, as compared to previous years.

Chemistry is another factor that will improve the team's success. In addition to being more talented, the team works well together. These runners have shown in practice that they can cooperate well and that they can step it up when needed. "They know what it takes to move to the next level," declared Head Coach Brett Hull.

In just a few days, the runners will perform in their first meet against Union and St. Rose. "I'm looking to get our feet wet and use this meet as a starting point to see where we need to go," said Coach Hull.

"It is a chance for the freshmen to run their first eight kilometer race and a chance for the upperclassmen to make an initial mark to improve on," Downey added.

As in previous years, the cross country team will face its fiercest competition from other schools in the NESCAC conference. For cross country, the NESCAC conference is often considered to be one of the strongest conferences in the country. Therefore, it is no surprise that the team expects its toughest meet to be the NESCAC Championship.

According to Downey, "I believe if we run a smart race, we can certainly beat several teams of the talented pool."

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This season, the men's cross country team boasts consistency in both speed and performance. NESCAC teams will provide the team's fiercest competition.

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	Men's soccer vs. Nazareth	4 p.m.
Sept. 14	Women's soccer vs. RIT	4 p.m.
	Field hockey vs. Oswego	7 p.m.

Volleyball hopes to serve it to the competition

by Blythe Winchester '08
Sports Writer

The Hamilton volleyball team is gearing up for a strenuous but promising season. With only four games at home this year, the girls will be on the road a lot. Their first game comes during a tournament beginning Sept. 9 at Elmira College. In the tournament the Continentals will face Elmira, Geneseo and Hartwick.

"The tournament this weekend will be a good way to see what we need to work on," said co-captain Michelle Butler '06. "These teams are not as competitive as the NESCAC schools and we played well there last year."

The Continentals have some individual stars returning from last year's squad. Allie Massaro '07 was selected to this same tournament's all-star team last year. The team also returns four seniors this year.

Dee Martin '06 said that fellow senior Butler "leads by example. She is great player and a hard worker."

In addition to Butler, middle hitter Emma Timmins-Schiffman '06 is a superb asset to the team. "Emma is also a very hard worker, and even though she was abroad last semester, has improved her skills tremendously, and always tries to boost the team's morale." said Martin.

Martin is a defensive specialist and is ranked third in the conference for digs per game. Setter Tracy Zaino '06, who was abroad last fall, has come back looking strong for her senior season. "She looks amazing in practice," saids Butler of Zaino. The team also welcomes three freshmen and a transfer student.

"The team gets along very well on and off the court, and we all have high hopes for the season," Martin added.

With only four home games, the volleyball team needs the support of the student body. The team plays Williams in its first home game on Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. Although the Ephs graduated two of its best players from last year, they will still pose a challenge for the Continentals.

The other home games are Sept. 21 against Utica College at 7 p.m., Oct. 11 against SUNY IT at 4 p.m. then Hilbert College at 8 p.m. and Oct. 19 against Cazenovia at 7 p.m.

The team's record last year was 6-18. "This in no way reflects the actual talent of the team," said Butler. "This season is giving us the opportunity to show off all our hard work from last year."

Coach Alexis Manhertz was new to the program last year and so far has really stressed the basics, causing the women to see steady improvement.

Manhertz is expecting a child on Oct. 9 so for the interim she has been replaced by Assistant Coach Michelle Duncan, who graduated from Utica in 2002.

With new talent, inspired coaching and a good attitude, Butler is confident that the team "is more than capable of stepping up to the plate."

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Men's soccer on right foot vs. SUNY IT

by Nick Rockwell '08
Sports Editor

The Hamilton College men's soccer team is off to a fast start as they look to repeat as Liberty League champions and make another NCAA tournament appearance. On Wednesday the team opened the season against local rival SUNY IT. Hamilton is lead by co-captains Nikle Guzijan '06 and Anthony Tripicchio '06. The Continentals also return their two leading scorers from last season, Ian Hildebrand '07 and Greg Rogan '07.

Against SUNY, the play was slow until Hildebrand broke the ice at just over the thirty-minute mark, placing a ball past the helpless Wildcat goalie. Rogan was credited with the assist. Only eight minutes later senior Aaron Smith '06 came into the game and struck a pass from Bryant Michaels '08 making the score 2-0. Smith's timing was impeccable, as the senior wasted no time once he entered the game.

Hamilton's two quick goals seemed to break the Wildcats' back. The second half featured stellar defensive play on both sides of the ball. The Continental back row featured dominant play by juniors Zack Kelley '07 and Pat Suarez '07. Both players relentlessly pursued the opposition in order to keep Hamilton's two goal lead. Tripicchio and freshman standout Anthony Carello '09 split time in net and combined to make eight saves. In his first collegiate game Carello was especially impressive, stopping a hard shot from point blank range; he ended the game with five saves. The Conts held the lead for the entire second half, leaving Utica with a 2-0 victory. It is a great first step and confidence builder for the defending league champs.

Although they did emerge with the victory the team knows it can play better. Many players were excited with the win but cited the team's sloppy play. The team will face a much tougher challenge in their home opener this Saturday against RIT. Hamilton will look to avenge last year's 1-0 blanking against a very talented opponent. The game starts at 1:00 on Love Field.

Beat the Experts

Beat the "Experts" is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college athletics. Each week, we will pick several games in which to choose winners, and we will have a special guest pick winners as well.

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THE CELEBRITY COLLEGE ATHLETE

Has the major promotion of Division I sports gotten out of hand?

by Katie Stinchfield '07
SPORTS EDITOR

At the start of college football season, devout fans break out their favorite teams' jersey and deck their children in college apparel. They pack university stadiums across the country, most notably for postseason competition. Many sports enthusiasts prefer college teams to professional ones for what they see as the purity of the competition. Their passion has a number of positive effects on universities: it grants schools national prestige and brings in massive amounts of money, and those funds aren't simply funneled back into athletic programs. But with all of this attention comes the creation of the college sports celebrity, which many argue is getting out of control.

Tom Wolfe's latest novel "I Am Charlotte Simmons" thrusts this problem into the spotlight. Wolfe describes a team of Division I basketball players, rumored to be modeled after those at Duke, as the indirect rulers of the school.

The administration pays for the players' tutors, who in essence do these cherished athletes' work for them. The athletic department furthermore gives teams incentive to continue to perform. It's not irregular for a player to return to the locker room and find a set of keys to a brand new car waiting. Wolfe forces readers to question if this celebrity athlete culture has gone too far, but do the cons of Division I college athletics outweigh the pros?

The most talented collegiate athletes are given as much national attention as many professional players. Last year USC's quarterback Matt Leinart won the Heismann trophy as a junior, and sports commentators commended his decision to continue to play college football and reject any offers to turn pro.

Yet Leinart is hardly shying away from the spotlight. Major publications like Sports Illustrated lauded Leinart's decision, but while as a college athlete he may not be eligible for an endorsement deal with Nike, he's still gained status as a national sports icon. Approximately 110,000 frenzied fans pack the stadium for the Rose Bowl, while often only 85,000 attend the Super Bowl. With his decision to remain at USC, Leinart has hardly acquiesced much.

As a high school basketball star, Lebron James could have attended the Division I university of his choice. Sports fanatics anxiously awaited his decision, and in the end he chose to go pro. Yet if James had chosen the collegiate path, he'd have the same celebrity following, just without deals with Nike and Sprite.

Proponents of the celebrity college athlete argue that the prohibition of endorsement deals and other forms of monetary gain preserves the integrity and purity of college sports. But enthusiastic alums are often more than willing to give players incentive to perform. Not only are the top college athletes both campus and national celebrities, but they are often provided for well after they finish their final season through a generous web of alumni contacts. While the majority of these athletes will never go pro, they can rest assure their time on the field or court sets them up with a lucrative future.

While D-I athletes may benefit through this system of benefactors, these players undeniably bring in huge amounts of money to their respective universities. This money is in turn spread to other programs, including science and the arts. Successful teams can bring in millions of dollars in revenue per season.

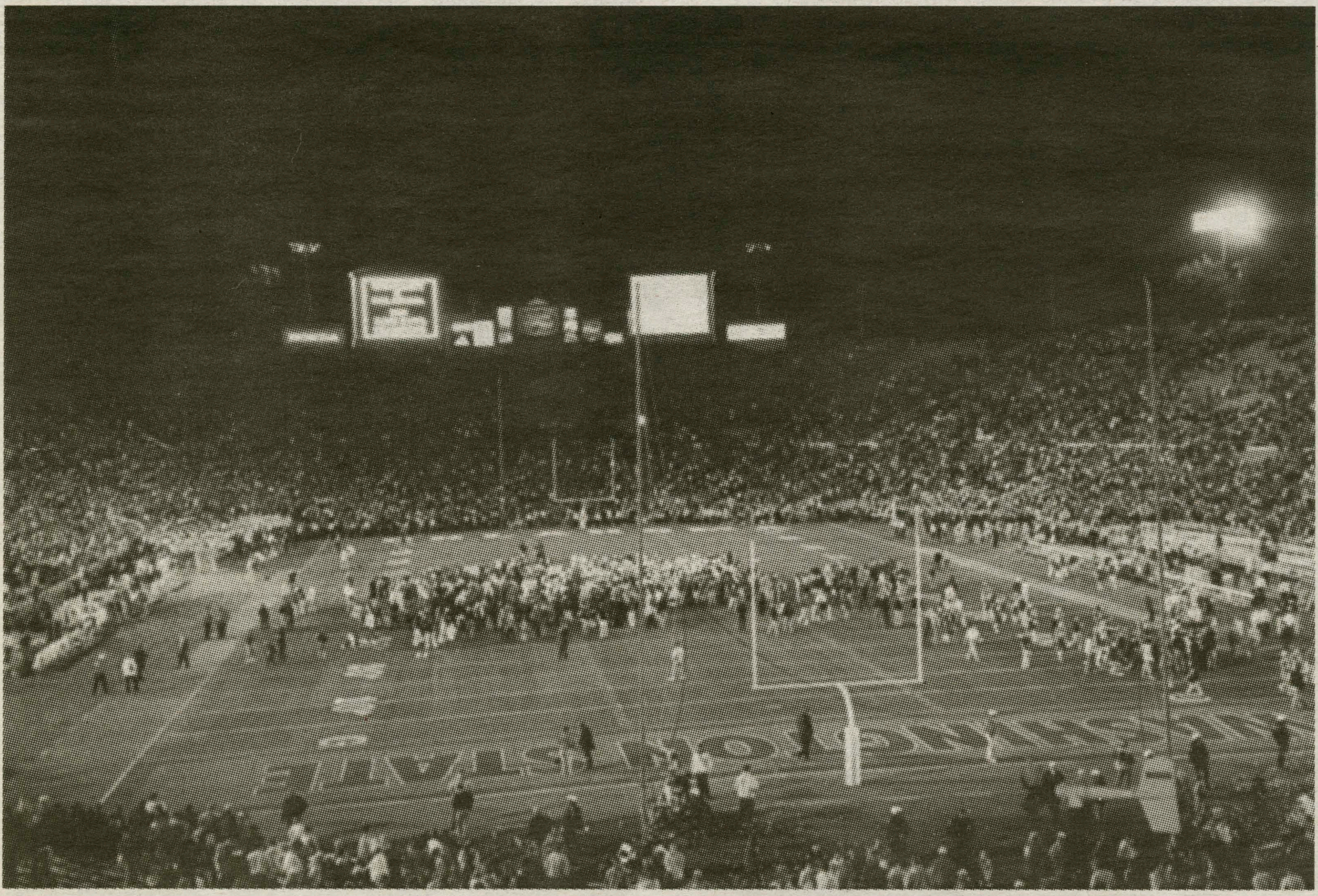
What more, these athletes spend most of their youth training to play for top college teams. Boston College is rumored to loosely recruit players for their men's hockey team before the athletes reach high school. Shouldn't their hard work see some reward?

By the time they reach the Division I sports arena, they have logged countless hours training both on and off the field. Most have worked hard to be recruited by the coach of their choice. While their SATs may not match up with the rest of their peers', they have honed their individual talents to serve their best interests. A little extra attention may inflate their heads, but perhaps it is not entirely undeserved.

The debate over Division I college sports and the increasingly obvious cult of the celebrity athlete is one that is not easily solved. Successful teams channel enormous amounts of money, but not without the administration making some concessions in return.

Excessive tutoring is a major bias toward these athletes, yet in order to be successful players, they must log countless hours training for competition. Some argue they have little time for anything but their team.

While at an academic institution this practice seems grossly out of place, universities purse strings might be pinched tighter if not for successful athletic programs. Major college athletes may never have to pick up a pen throughout their four years – as long as the scoreboard always goes in their favor.



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The Rose Bowl Division I football game, held on New Year's Day, is the oldest college football game in American history. The Pasadena Rose Bowl can pack over 90,000 fans for what is the most important game of the season.

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Field hockey falls short to Utica, but looks ahead to Oswego and Cortland in coming week

by Matt Bradley '07
SPORTS WRITER

BOBBY COLE '06

Jess Goldberg (left) and Jenna Lally battle for the ball against a Utica player on Wednesday night on the turf. In a non-league game, the Pioneers outscored the Continentals 4-0.

The Hamilton College field hockey Team is poised for a successful 2005 season. Under the guidance of fourth-year Head Coach Tracy Kelleher, the Continentals are optimistic about their chances for post-season success. While Hamilton dropped its season-opener against Utica College, the competitive play has led players and fans alike to believe that a winning season is in the works.

Senior captains Kristin Archibald and Katelyn McGee will prove to be the squad's impeccable foundation. The pair is more than worthy of leading the team to success. Both Archibald and McGee earned honorable mentions in last season's Liberty League selections, despite the team's losing season. "Kristin and Katelyn are great captains," says sophomore mid-fielder Amy Barrows. "McGee plays a strong right side and Arch does a great job stepping up to the ball."

While the Continentals dropped Wednesday's season-opener against Utica, 0-4, the squad showed a lot of promise. "Things actually went really well despite the score," said Archibald. "We are starting this season at a much higher level of play than we have in the past."

Archibald's optimism is resonating with the rest of the squad as well. Unfortunately, Hamilton caught the wrong end of a huge-momentum shift during Wednesday's game.

In a first-half attempt to convert an offensive corner, Sarah Weiner '08 quickly stopped and fired the ball past the Utica goalie. The referees, however, ruled that Weiner entered the "circle," which negates the Hamilton score. While Hamilton almost took a 1-0 lead over Utica mid-way through the first period, it was Utica who proved to dominate offensively.

Erin "Brick Wall" Weinstock made a total of five saves during her goal-tending debut, four of which came in the second half. "She's doing an awesome job," said forward Marley "Play Maker" Berns '08. "We're starting at a much better place than we started at last year, and we can only improve from here," Berns added.

While the Continentals were unable to put up any goals, the offense kept busy throughout the game. Natalie Schwerin '08 led the Hamilton offensive with three shots against the Utica goalie while Jess "Gun-show" Goldberg '08 fired two. Katie "Blazin'" Bliss '07, Emily "Game-ending" Gambir '07, Kerry Leonard '07 and Weiner all contributed to the Hamilton attempts on goal.

Utica came to the Hamilton turf with an unfair advantage, however, already having played two games before facing Hamilton. Because it was a non-conference match-up, the game proved to be a good season opener in preparation for future Liberty League opponents.

Barrows mentioned that the squad has been very successful in executing its passing sequences. She cited the "transition game" as an area that needs improvement.

The team's ability to move the ball up-field quickly will play a huge role in whether or not Hamilton can put points on the board. Additionally, as Weinstock earns even more experience in the net, expect the Continentals to pick up some shut-outs.

Hamilton is slated to play SUNY Oswego next Wednesday, Sept. 14 on the turf. Oswego dropped its season opener against the University of Rochester, and next week's game could be a solid opportunity for the Hamilton squad to pick up some early momentum.

"We have a week to work on our game before we play Oswego" said Goldberg enthusiastically. "All I can say is, they've got another thing coming."

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Kerry Leonard shoots past a Utica College defender. Leonard's tight ball control will be critical to Hamilton's transition game this sesason. Also leading the midfield is Captain Katelyn McGee.